

ASSESSOR, TAX & FINANCE DEPARTMENT "WE ARE HEBRON"

September 25, 2019

STAFF

- Elaine Griffin Finance Director
- Susan Hushin Financial Administrator
- Tammy Filbig Account Clerk
- Debra Gernhardt Assessor
- Adrian MacLean Revenue Collector
- Christina Ristaino Assistant Assessor/Revenue Collector

BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS

- Dave Veschi, Chairman
- Mal Leichter, Vice-Chair
- Peter Kasper
- Diane DelRosso
- Janet Fodaski

SNAPSHOT

- Essentially the Assessor, Tax & Finance Department are the "Nuts & Bolts" of our Municipality.
- The Assessed value of your real estate, motor vehicle and personal properties based on the Town's operation costs deem what is paid in taxes.
- Ultimately ALL services and fees provided by the Town of Hebron, whether yoga at the Senior Center, a shed construction building fee, a dog license, tax payments etc., flow through the Finance Department for posting in the ledger and determining the net worth of the Town.

BUDGET PROCESS

In accordance with Hebron Town Charter Chapter IX, Finance and Taxation - Section 902:

- No later than October 15, the Board of Finance shall confer with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to discuss goals and objectives for the upcoming budget.
- Department Heads in conjunction with the Town Manager and the Finance Director begin preparing a budget in late December through February each year to present to the Board of Selectmen and Finance by March 1st.

BUDGET PROCESS CONTINUED

- Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance shall review the budget during the month of March and the Board of Selectmen shall make a recommendation to the Board of Finance by March 31st.
- The Board of Finance reviews the budget requests during the month of April. They hold a Public Hearing on their recommended budget no later than the third Tuesday in April. Within a week of the Hearing the Board of Finance shall present a budget for vote at the Budget Referendum

BUDGET PROCESS CONTINUED

Pursuant to Hebron Town Charter Section 903 Referendum Vote on the Town Budget and the Capital Improvement Budget is held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of May annually.

The Board of Finance sets the Mill rate by June 15th

ADOPTED 2019-2020 BUDGET \$35,650,290

Spending decrease of \$149,075 or 0.42 % less than the last fiscal year budget.

	Budget	<u>Change</u>
General Government	\$ 9,098,181	2.03 %
Hebron Board of Education	\$11,340,524	-1.27 %
Hebron Levy - RHAM BOE Budget	\$13,934,039	-0.84 %
Hebron's Share RHAM Debt	\$ 1,277,546	-4.99 %

ADOPTED 2019-2020 EXPENDITURES

	ADOPTED Expenditures 2018-2019	ADOPTED Expenditures 2019-2020	Difference	Percent Change
Total Town Budget				
Town Government	\$ 7,075,420	\$ 7,549,276	\$ 473,856	6.70%
Contr. to Capital Improvement	583,553	590,552	17,276	2.96%
Contr. to Open Space Acquisition	75,000	140,000	65,000	86.67%
Contr. to Cap Non-Recurring	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
Contr. to Capital Projects	53,340	48,204	(5,136)	-9.63%
Contr. to Revaluation	25,000	40,000	15,000	60.00%
Contr. To Debt Management	-	-	-	
Debt Service	1,102,539	728,149	(374,390)	-33.96%
TOWN GOV'T SUB TOTAL	8,916,852	9,098,181	181,329	2.03%
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Hebron Board of Education	11,486,421	11,340,524	(145,897)	-1.27%
RHAM Assess(w/o debt)	14,051,416	13,934,039	(117,377)	-0.84%
RHAM Debt Service	1,344,676	1,277,546	(67,130)	-4.99%
Total General Government	\$ 35,799,365	\$ 35,650,290	\$ (149,075)	-0.42%

FY 2019-2020 BUDGET OVERVIEW



GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE HISTORY

	ADOPTED FY 16-17	ADOPTED FY 17-18	ADOPTED FY 18-19	ADOPTED FY 19-20
Town Government	\$7,191,425	\$7,221,076	\$7,075,420	\$7,549,276
Contr. – CIP	770,911	770,911	583,553	590,552
Contr. – Capital Projects	39,100	44,260	53,340	48,204
Contr Revaluation	50,000	41,000	25,000	40,000
Capital Non Recurring	8,800	3,050	2,000	2,000
Open Space	140,000	100,000	75,000	140,000
Debt Management	20,000			
Debt Service	<u>928,988</u>	<u>1,132,417</u>	<u>1,102,539</u>	<u>728,149</u>
Total	\$9,149,224	\$9,312,714	\$8,916,852	\$9,098,181

ADOPTED 2019-2020 REVENUE

	ADOPTED	ADOPTED	D '''	Percent
	2018-2019	2019-2020	Difference	Change
General Government	\$ 501,650	\$ 836,165	\$ 334,515	66.68%
Other State Revenues	657,797	407,988	(249,809)	-37.98%
ECS & Special Ed Grant Funding	5,783,770	5,735,276	(48,494)	-0.84%
Other Revenue Sources	100,000	100,000	-	0.00%
Unassigned Fund Contribution	\$ 500,000	\$ 200,000	(300,000)	-60.00%
Back Taxes / Lien Fees	315,000	315,000	-	0.00%
Tax Revenue	27,941,148	28,055,861	114,713	0.27%
	\$ 35,799,365	\$ 35,650,290	\$ (149,075)	-0.42%

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FIXED ASSET PROJECTS FY 2019-2020

Public Works Department	
Road Resurfacing and Road Improvements	285,143
Bucket Truck - International	50,000
Roll Off Truck (replace Truck 15) (2005)	50,000
Large Dump Truck w/ Plow	48,000
Fire Department	
Engine Tanker 310 - Refurbish	50,000
Hebron Board of Education	
Replace Pickup Truck HBOE	32,320
Douglas Library of Hebron	
Douglas Library Windows	22,500
Douglas Library Carpet Replacement	25,000
Douglas Library HVAC Systems Replacement	6,400
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Town Buildings - Security Measures	27,000
Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant	20,000
Peters House Restoration	25,000
Police Department Cruiser Replacement	60,666
Total Adopted CIP Budget	702,029

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ADOPTED CIP REVENUE FY 2019-2020

	Approved 2018-2019	Adopted 2019-2020
Balance from Previous Appropriations	50,742	10,277
LOCIP Funding	140,285	70,477
Funding from Other Sources: Public Safety Fund	-	20,400
Anticipated State Reimbursement	-	-
Anticipated Contribution from Fund Balance	-	-
CIP Designated Fund Balance	-	-
Interest	6,591	10,323
General Fund Contribution	583,553	<u> </u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 781,171</u>	\$ 702,029

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* General Fund Contribution amount to be adjusted in Budget Summary

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES \$5,000 - \$25,000

Public Works Department	
40 Yard Open Top Container	6,544
6 x 8 Foot Shoring Box	6,776
Parks and Recreation Department	
61" Mower Bagger Repair	7,152
61" Mower Rear	10,957
Landscape Improvements	6,000
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Painting Horton House	5,525
Painting Douglas Library Wood Fascia, Doors, Trim	5,250
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 48,204

MILL RATE CALCULATION REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

		TOTAL GL
Grand List - October 1, 2018	\$	778,563,080
Less Potential BAA Adjustments	\$	(15,000)
Reductions to Grand List	↓ \$	(9,838,240)
Adjusted Grand List - October 1, 2018	\$	768,709,840
Mill Value	\$	768,710
Mill Value (based upon 98.50% collection rate)	<u>\$</u>	757,179
Mill Rate (Adopted by BOF)		37.05

TAX CALCULATION PERSONAL PROPERTY/REAL ESTATE 98.50 % COLLECTION RATE – 37.05 MILL RATE

REVAL	MARKET	ASSESSED	18-19	19-20	19-20
YEAR	VALUE	VALUE	TAXES	TAXES	ТАХ
			37.44 MILLS	37.05 MILLS	DECREASE
2016	\$215,420	\$150,790	\$5,646	\$5,586	-\$60
2016	\$300,725	\$210,510	\$7,881	\$7,799	-\$82
2016	\$528,724	\$370,110	\$13,857	\$13,712	-\$145

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY

- Compiling the Grand Lists
 - Personal Property
 - Businesses / Farms
 - Personal
 - Heavy duty equipment
 - Horses
 - Unregistered vehicles
 - Motor Vehicles
 - Registered through the DMV
 - Real Estate
 - Residential
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
 - Vacant land
 - Taxable / non-taxable



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PERSONAL PROPERTY

Discover:

- Business Owner
- Town Clerk: trade names
- Local media: advertisements
- EDC / Zoning / Building Dept.: new businesses

Declarations:

- Mail forms: filing deadline Nov. 1st
- Process / enter data
- Apply exemptions: ie. Farm machinery, horse, manufacture machinery

MOTOR VEHICLES

- Regular list: vehicles registered <u>ON</u> Oct. 1st
- Supplemental list: new or transferred plates as of Oct. 2nd through Sept. 30th
 - DMV files: received electronically
 - Pricing: "clean retail" NADA Oct. issue
 - Apply exemptions: ie. Veteran, Military Active Duty, Handicap
 - Process pro-rates: ie. Vehicles sold, totaled or registered out of state (these are done throughout the year)



MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARD FORMS OF PROOF + TWO FORMS ARE REQUIRED +

- PLATE RECEIPT from DMV indicating that the registration has been CANCELLED, LOST or STOLEN.
- = ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN ADDITION TO CANCELED PLATE RECEIPT
- A Copy of the Bill of Sale
- A Copy of the Transfer of Title
- Out of State Registration
- Stolen Vehicle
- Totaled Vehicle
- Junked Vehicle
- Trade-in Vehicle
- Donated Vehicle

NOTE: All information must be DATED and have the VEHICLE ID NUMBER on all documentation. 9/25/2019

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REAL ESTATE

Discover & list

- Permits from Building Department
- Subdivision & splits from Zoning Department / Town Clerk
- Issue house numbers on new construction
- Reviewing sales listings
- Pro-rate new construction
- Property transfers
 - Town Clerk's office: deeds, maps, probate
 - Maintaining owner mailing addresses



REAL ESTATE CONTINUED

Exemptions

- Elderly / Disabled Benefits
- Veteran Benefits
- Tax Exempt entities
- Farm Buildings
- Energy Efficient exemptions
- PA-490 use assessments: Farm, Forest, Open Space & Ten Mill
 - Applications: Sept. Oct.
 - Review, inspect & apply values

REPORTS

- Town: final Grand List to BOS & BOF
- Assessment notices: RE & PP
- Quadrennial Tax Exempt filing
- Rental property Income & Expense filing
- Veteran List: Department of Veteran Affairs
- PA-490 list: State Forestry Department
- Amston Lake Tax District
 - Grand List
 - Split Accounts
- OPM (Office of Policy & Management)
 - Elderly / Disabled
 - Additional Veteran
 - Grand List final numbers
 - State Owned Property
 - Transfers: monthly
 - Notification to; Collector, Registrars, Lake District & Fire Marshal offices

GIS MAPPING (GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM)

- Update for changes: ie.
 Subdivisions, splits,
 boundary adjustments
- Produce "abutters lists" for Zoning Department



OTHER DUTIES

REVALUATIONS:

Every 5 years; next will be 2021

RFP & Contract

Assist / Supervise Revaluation Company

Final reports to OPM

911 COORDINATOR / EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER:

Notification of new streets / buildings

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BUDGET:

Provide Finance with expected expenditures

Submit payment requests

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

CCMA requires re-certification every five years

Keeping up to date with yearly Legislative changes

UNIQUE PROPERTIES

- Amston Lake Tax District
- Private Roads
- Affordable Housing Units
- Group Housing
- Community Water
- Public Sewer
- Ten Mill Properties
- Gas Lines
- Golf Courses Open Space land
- 261 Jones Street house located on Town land
- 55 John E. Horton Blvd. Assisted Living Facility
- Crumbling foundations
- Line dividing the Zip Codes: Amston / Hebron
- 14 Stonecroft Drive: Senior Housing/Center

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COMPUTER SYSTEMS



BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (BAA)

Three Elected Officials

- Governed by State Statutes
- First level of appeal
- An appeal board for taxpayers who believe the assessor erred in valuation or denied exemptions

Duties of the Board

- March hearings; Real Estate, Personal Property & Motor Vehicle Supplemental lists
- September hearings; regular Motor Vehicle list only
- Correct clerical omissions or mistakes of the assessment
- Assessor's Office provides clerical support;
 - Schedule meeting dates
 - Schedule applicant hearing appointments
 - File meeting minutes
 - Apply any changes
 - Send notifications to applicants

FINAL RESULTS

2018	GRAND LIST	OF	TAXABLE	PROPERTY	FOR	TOWN	OF	HEBRON	NEW	VALUE	01	/15/2019	ŧ.
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TYPE OF ACCOUNTS	# OF ACCOUNTS	GROSS ASSESSMENT	TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	TOTAL NET VALUE
REAL ESTATE REGULAR	3869	677,389,890	2,835,260	674,554,630
REAL ESTATE ELD H.O	52	7,907,250	547,000	7,360,250
REAL ESTATE 10 MILL	4	26,330	0	26,330
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXABLE	3925	685,323,470	3,382,260	681,941,210
REAL ZSTATE EXEMPT	236	65,418,770	65,418,770	0
REAL ESTATE TOTALS	4161	750,742,240	68,801,030	681,941,210
PERSONAL	534	21,340,880	1,761,150	19,579,730
MOTOR VEHICLE	9819	77,414,990	372,850	77,042,140
FINAL TOTAL	14514	849,498,110	70,935,030	778,563,080
FINAL TOTAL TAXABLE	14278	784,079,340	5,516,260	778,563,080

TAX FOR THIS LIST IS COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS: REAL ESTATE REGULAR NET 674,554,630 ELDERLY HOME OWNERS NET 7,360,250 TEN MILL NET 26,330 MOTOR VEHICLE NET 77,042,140 PERSONAL PROPERTY NET 19,579,730 TOTAL NET ASSESSMENT 778,563,080

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TAX BILLING

What types of bills do we send?When are they due?Real Estate- Your house/Domicile- (3925 Accounts/7 Waived/2000 Mailed)July 1st & January 1st (Sent end of June)- Delinquent August 2nd & February 2ndPersonal Property- Business/Unregistered Motor Vehicle (523 Accounts/23 Waived)July 1st (Sent end of June)- Delinquent August 2ndMotor Vehicle- Regular (9,791 Accounts/7 Waived/5385 Mailed)July 1st (Sent end of June)- Delinquent August 2ndSewer Use- Utility Charge- (745 Accounts)October 1st (Sent end of September)- Delinquent November 2ndMotor Vehicle- Supplemental- (1,543 Accounts/36 Waived)January 1st (Sent middle of December)- Delinquent February 2nd

- Bills of less than \$5.00 are waived in accordance with State Statute/Local Option
- Real Estate Bills are split @ \$250 & Sewer Use @ \$350 all others are due in a single installment
- If the 1st of August/November/February falls on a Saturday/Sunday/Holiday the "paid by" date is extended to the next business day.
- The Town of Hebron utilizes a service to print, stuff & mail the bills (except Sewer Use/printed inhouse) which assures us the lowest possible postage.
- Bills are color coded the next slides will show an example of each bill type

COLLECTION

- Sending a bill implies there is a necessity for payment which brings me to the "collection" portion of my function.
- Paying/Receiving Bills isn't always pleasant, we try to make the process as smooth and efficient as possible. We do this by answering the 4 basic questions:
 - <u>What</u>
 - Your tax/utility bill. There are the 3 types of taxes and 1 utility. Each bill identifies what you are paying for on that bill.
 - <u>Where</u>
 - Location to pay. Your bill gives several options for remitting payment.
 - 1. In Person in the office or drop in the secured box affixed to the building
 - 2. By Mail Return pre-addressed envelopes are provided with your bill, affix postage and mail
 - 3. Online through the town's website there is an option to lookup and pay your bill.
 - <u>Why</u>
 - This part is more implied as opposed to stated on your bill. Taxes pay for services such as education, public safety and road maintenance.
 - <u>How</u>
 - What payment methods are accepted?
 - 1. Cash
 - 2. Personal Check/Certified Check/Money Order
 - 3. E-check (online) there is a \$1.50 for this method of payment
 - 4. Credit Card (online and in the office) there is a 2.5% fee or \$3.95 (Visa Debit)

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COLLECTION – CONTINUED

- Collection is a year round function. We refer to billing/due date months as our "collection cycles".
- Other times of the year our collection is done through enforcement. The office uses many different tools to enforce collection.
 - Delinquent Statements/Demand Forms/Intent-to-Lien Notices
 - Assign accounts to an agent for collection (i.e. State Marshal, Collection Agency)
 - Prepare and File Liens
 - Real Estate & Sewer Town Land Records against Real Estate
 - Personal Property (Business) Secretary of State against the sale of equipment
 - Withhold Building Permits for unpaid Real Estate and Sewer Use Bills
 - Withhold New and Renewal Registration with the DMV for unpaid Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Supplemental Bills
 - Legal Proceedings (i.e. Foreclosure & Tax Sales)

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<u>Real Estate Bill</u> <u>Explained</u>

- The bill is sent in 3-parts
- A- Submitted with 1st Payment
- B- Submitted with 2nd Payment
- C- Retained for your Records
- Top left who check should be made payable to/where to mail
- The property is identified on top
- Statement of state funding is required to appear on the bill
- The section of blocks has the numerical data for your property to include due/delinquent date
- The shaded area indicates which payment the stub is for – the stubs are interchangeable for processing purposes
- The mailing address of the owner appears on the bottom left of all 3 stubs
- A bar code to process your payment located on the 2 stubs to be submitted for payment
- Real Estate bills are sent out once a year in June for both the July and January payments-we do not do a second billing

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Personal Property Bill Explained

- Similar information can be found on each bill type.
 - Owner/Mailing Address

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- State Aid Message
- Numerical Data
- Office Hours
- Contact Information
- A- to be retained for your records (includes EDP equipment amountnecessary for tax filings)
- B- submitted with payment
- The middle part of this bill shows the message that normally appears on the back of each bill-basic instructions regarding payments/obtaining a receipt/late payments

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Motor Vehicle Bill Explained

- Similar information to all other bill types (many of the messages are repeated on all bill types
 - Owner/Mailing Address
 - State Aid Message
 - Numerical Data
 - Office Hours
 - Contact Information
- This bill is not lettered rather states which stub to submit and which to retain for your records
- We utilize "club billing", meaning if you own multiple vehicles and are registered alike they will be nested on a single bill not 3 individual bills.
- Each Motor Vehicle is listed separately in the middle portion which includes list number, vehicle information, assessed value and taxes due
- This bill also indicates "BACK TAXES ALSO DUE", meaning this persons name or entity has a delinquency on a prior year for this bill type. It is required by statute to be on the bill.

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<u>Sewer Use Bill</u> <u>Explained</u>

- The Sewer Use Bill unlike other bills for taxes is considered a utility bill. It does however have much of the same information
 - Owner/Mailing Address
 - Numerical Data
 - Contact Information
- Generally utility bills are based on either a metered measurement of use or a flat rate. Hebron bills based on a flat rate. (Expense/Number of Users)
- The rate is determined and controlled by the WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority).
- This is a 2(3)-part bill indicating on the top right which portion should be retained and which should be remitted. All but 40 accounts are due in a single installment
- This bill also indicates there is a prior year(s) delinquency and unlike a tax bill computes that into the installment due.



Motor Vehicle Supplemental Bill

- Similar information to all other bill types (many of the messages are repeated on all bill types
 - Owner/Mailing Address
 - State Aid Message
 - Numerical Data
 - Office Hours

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- Contact Information
- This bill is not lettered rather states which stub to submit and which to retain for your records
- Each Motor Vehicle is listed separately in the middle portion which includes list number, vehicle information, assessed value and taxes due
- This bill type differs from a Motor Vehicle Bill in that it picks up vehicles registered between October 2nd and September 30th (a partial year). The middle part of the bill will calculate any credit factors for the portion of the year owed. Also this bill would indicate any replacement credit factors for transferring your registration from car to another.

RECORD/POST

- When a payment is made it must be documented and accounted for. We use a database software to record any action done to an individual bill.
- Our software vendor is Quality Data Services, Inc. They are currently the most widely used in Connecticut. QDS stays up-to-date on the latest statutes, guidelines and procedures to enhance their programs accordingly.
- All payments are ultimately posted to your individual account in our database regardless of how the payment is made. We combine payments into batches by like-type payments (i.e. bank, counter, scan, online).
- Posting batches during "collection cycles" can be a challenge due to staffing limitations and increased counter traffic.
- Each batch is reconciled (balanced) prior to posting.
- After a batch has been reconciled the funds are either deposited manually or directly according to settlement schedule (e-check/credit card)
- We manually deposit twice weekly our counter batches, daily our scan batches and bank batches (as they arrive). For all cash the town utilizes an armored car pickup and checks are deposited via remote capture from the Tax Office.
- Over the years we have established policies and safeguards for posting and depositing. We work diligently to minimize errors and improve accuracy.

REPORTING

Finance – We work closely with the Finance Department. As batches are posted and monies deposited we notify Finance to expect the revenue.

- Financial Interface A file is created at the time of posting and this file is uploaded electronically into the financial software.
- Transmittal form This form is a paper copy to coincide with the interface for each batch and attached is documentation supporting the revenue.
- A monthly cash report generated by finance to reconcile our receipts so that every effort is made to ensure we have posted payments correctly and they are accounted for in the General Ledger.
- <u>Audit</u> An independent audit is performed each year. A testing phase where a sampling from each bill type is done to track from bill → bank statement. For the second phase we provide auditors with several reports.
 - 60 Collection carries over collections
 - Tax Collector's Report 15 years of collections during the current fiscal year
 - Suspense Accounts considered uncollectible
- State The Tax Office is governed by OPM (Office of Policy and Management so we report to them annually
 - M1 Annual reporting of adopted mill rate and due dates due July 1st

OTHER FINANCE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Finance Department consists of three positions, the Finance Director, Financial Administrator, and Account Clerk.

- Managing, balancing the general ledger and investing the Town's monies while complying with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles(GAAP) as adopted by the US Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Guidelines (GASB).
- Preparation of the Town's annual audit and CAFR report consisting of all of the Town's assets, infrastructure and finances.
- Maintaining a high credit rating with Standard & Poor's and Moody's. Hebron has maintained the highest rating of a Triple 'AAA' since October 2013. This is necessary for funding and/or borrowing of major funds for large Town wide projects.
- A new bonding project in the amount of \$10 Million dollars is also in the works for the Town's sewer system and road infrastructure upgrades.

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OTHER FINANCE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITES CONTINUED

- Production of all Town vendor payment checks for operational services rendered for all departments.
- Posting of all Town revenue collection in general ledger as remitted by the Revenue Collection department.
- Payroll functions, fringe benefit calculating and posting for all Town staff consisting of 45 full time employees and approximately 60 part time employees.
- All Financial budgetary data entry in Accounting software.
- Preparation of the monthly Board of Finance Meeting agendas and other pertinent data for review.



