

Manager's Report

- Fire Station Roof-We will be putting that work out for bid. The question is, standing seam or asphalt? After July 1 we will have just over 50K to work with in Buildings Capital.
- Better Connection Grant. As many read or watched on WCAX, the Town was awarded close to 68K in the Better Connections program with an option for another 30K for a clean water project through ANR. We will work with the community and consultants to develop a master plan for East Hardwick Village. A completed Master Plan will open up additional grant opportunities to complete projects identified in the plan. In order for this program to work the way it was designed; we will need input from residence through a series of public forums over the course of project.
- We received one bid for the Memorial Building Roof Project in the amount of \$10,503.00
- Jackie Cassino of VTrans has reached out with a proposal to further develop property near the s-curves on Rt 15. The proposal requests the Town to take over routine site maintenance to include things like trash pick-up and winter plowing.
- Sludge Sludge Sludge. Due to the ongoing PFAS crisis, we are scrambling to find a location to dispose of our dewatered sludge from Lagoon #1. We currently have two potential locations; one is far away and more costly and the other is not available until July which doesn't work with our timelines. We have done another round of sludge testing and are crossing our fingers that Englobe in Quebec will open back up early summer for composting which is the most cost effective at this point.

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04/6/2023

MEMO: Hardwick Select Board, David Upson & Mike Henry

FROM: Tonia Chase

Date: April 06, 2023

Subject: Liquor, Tobacco & Tobacco Substitute Endorsement License Request

Hello Everyone:

Tonight you have the following permits for consideration.

First Class license for:

Second Class Licenses for:

Walgreens Eastern Co Inc.
DG Retail, LLC d/b/a Dollar General

Third Class Licenses for:

Outside Consumption Permit for:

Tobacco License:

Walgreens Eastern Co Inc.

Tobacco Substitute Endorsement:

All three are renewals and have no infractions.

Town of Hardwick FY 2023 Budget Update Through 03-31-2023

Revenues:

Overall, revenues from the General Fund are on track to meet the budget. In fact, several categories are higher than expected at this point in the year.

The tax revenue shows over 100% because we have not paid the school their portion yet. The budget amount is what the Town expects to receive after paying the schools and the actual amount that you see below is a “billed” amount.

We would expect revenues to be at about 75% at this point in the fiscal year. Office revenues are running ahead primarily due to copier fees and zoning permits at 115.17% and 135.71% respectively. Recording fees are below budget at 55.65% and dog licenses at 96.75%. The deadline for dog licenses is April 3, so we will likely reach or surpass the budgeted amount. We don’t generally budget for grant revenue, so the Municipal Planning Grant revenue of \$15,088 and VLCT grant of \$7,457 makes it show as significantly over budget.

If we assume that the Town has collected 75% of our *expected* tax revenues (75% of \$3,104,215), the overall percentage would be 77%. Therefore, we are slightly ahead of schedule for revenue.

Town of Hardwick Revenue Summary			
Department	Budget	Actual	% Collected
Tax Revenues	\$3,104,215	\$5,421,955	174.66%
Office Revenues [Licenses, Recordings, etc.]	\$40,500	\$35,941	88.74%
Highway Revenues	\$149,254	\$132,468	88.75%
Police Revenues [Tickets, Grants, etc.]	\$31,800	\$48,089	151.22%
Grant Revenue - Other	\$400	\$22,545	5636.35%
Other Revenue [Misc, Interest, W/S Transfers]	\$278,400	\$243,081	87.31%
	\$3,604,569.00	\$5,904,078.97	163.79%

Expenses:

Overall, total expenses are at 80.55% when we would typically expect them to be at about 75%, so we are about 5.5% over. All VLCT insurances (worker's comp, PACIF and unemployment) have been paid for the remainder of the fiscal year. County taxes have been paid in full for the year and appropriations are being paid as people submit their requests.

The Office budget is about 7% over budget due to insurance, conferences/dues, advertising, and especially computer services.

The Buildings budget is ahead of schedule primarily due to the insurance being paid through 6/30 already and fuel oil costs.

Highway is about 7% over due to diesel fuel, salt costs, and equipment expense (\$10K over).

The Fire Department is slightly ahead of schedule due to equipment repairs and increased fuel costs.

The Police Department is about 5% over due to VLCT insurance, legal expenses, and COPS grant expenses (which are offset by revenues). The Trails budget is slightly over, but with it being such a small budget overall, it's not a concern.

We are about 5.5% over where we should be as of March 31, but insurances are paid through 6/30. However, our revenues are about 2% over, so the net is 3.5% over. This is not horrible considering the outside economic factors we have been up against.

Town of Hardwick Expense Summary

Department	Budget	Actual	\$ (Remaining) or Over Budget	% Used
Office [Clerk/Manager/Supplies, Etc.]	\$481,844	\$396,200	(\$85,644)	82.23%
Other Payroll [Stipend employees, etc.]	\$65,007	\$48,573	(\$16,434)	74.72%
Buildings	\$56,297	\$53,337	(\$2,960)	94.74%
Police Department	\$825,884	\$658,581	(\$167,303)	79.74%
Fire Department	\$52,942	\$45,840	(\$7,102)	86.59%
Highway Department	\$963,516	\$789,406	(\$174,110)	81.93%
Rescue Squad	\$71,264	\$71,264	(\$0)	100.00%
Appropriations	\$39,761	\$23,061	(\$16,700)	58.00%
County Taxes	\$23,200	\$23,603	\$403	101.74%
Line Items	\$993,733	\$772,019	(\$221,714)	77.69%
Recreation	\$22,375	\$14,298	(\$8,077)	63.90%
Trails	\$8,748	\$7,165	(\$1,583)	81.91%
	\$3,604,571.00	\$2,903,348.50	-\$701,222.50	80.55%

REVISED NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE


In accordance with the provisions of Title 24, Section 1061 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Selectboard of the Town of Hardwick hereby gives notice that it desires to convey the following described real estate to Dean Mercier and Kelley Mercier, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), said real estate being more particularly described as follows:

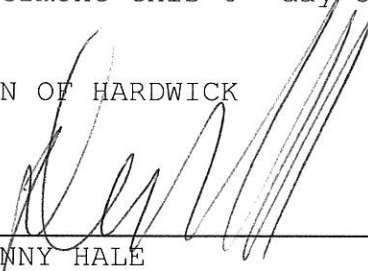
It being all and the whole of the same land and premises conveyed by Tax Collector's Deed dated October 12, 2022 and recorded in Book 161, Pages 287-288 of the Town of Hardwick Land Records from David Upson, Jr., Tax Collector for the Town of Hardwick, to the Town of Hardwick, said property consisting of a parcel of land located on Caspian Avenue in said Town of Hardwick.

Unless a petition signed by at least five percent of the legal voters of the municipality objecting to the proposed conveyance is presented to the Hardwick Town Clerk within 30 days of the date of posting and publication of this notice, the Selectboard may consummate said transfer. If such a petition is filed within the time specified, the Selectboard shall cause the question of whether the Town of Hardwick shall convey the real estate to be considered at a special or annual meeting called for that purpose.

Dated at the Town of Hardwick, Vermont this 6th day of April, 2023.

SELECTBOARD OF THE TOWN OF HARDWICK


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