Finance Department Update

December 31, 2022

Department developments in December

- Completed DOR certification of property values 35% increase year over year. Completed DOR certification of our tax recap. Worked with Select Board to hold (and continue) the tax rate classification hearing.
- Completed and issued spring real estate and personal property tax bills.

Open items

- Working with FinCom and town of OB to propose an increase in embarkation fee.
 - o This will require an act of the MA State Legislature
- Auditors were in Town Hall early November. Audit should be complete shortly.
- Presently testing upgraded Munis software will go live in May 2023
- Will implement Munis tax title software module when Munis can send a person on-site. Funding was approved at town meeting.
- We have postponed the Dept. of Revenue Technical Consulting Bureau on-site visit. There is no cost to this review.
 - This review of the financial operations of the town relies on in-depth interviews of staff and elected officials. Under the pandemic restrictions, we agreed that remote interviews would be much less effective. Worth waiting to get the full review in person.

Respectfully submitted,

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