

TAX COLLECTOR

One year after its introduction, the Collector's office is finally making a little sense out of the new software program that made a tumultuous first impression for fiscal 2006. Financially, we knew we had no alternative, but it still wasn't easy to make the move from a tried and true system to deal with one unknown to us. And while things are falling into place, there have been some long hours and plenty of frazzled nerves along the way. People have gotten accustomed to the look of the new bills and questions are back to the more common complaints that come with every mailing.

The tax rate for fiscal 2007 has been set at \$14.72 per thousand dollars of assessed value, representing a 54 cent increase over fiscal 06's \$14.18. Not bad when you think about the Town's increased cost of doing business.

I continue to urge any resident homeowners over the age of 70 to check the exemption criteria used by the Assessors. If you qualify, this exemption can certainly help to ease your tax burden.

Calendar year tax collections for 2006:

Tax:	8,172,898.40
Interest & fees:	55,165.80
Total	8,228,064.20

Respectfully submitted:

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Tax Collector