



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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TO: Board of Selectmen

CC: Mary Bylone, First Selectman

FROM: Michele Wyatt, Tax Collector

Date: October 21, 2021

Subject: Decision and Action on Supplemental Bills due to Mill Rate Increase

Since the Board of Finance set the mill rate end of September the tax office has been working on uploading this information into our tax software. In doing so we need clarification from the legislative body; the Board of Selectmen; as to how you would like us to proceed.

In accordance with our Town Charter 129-27 it states that pursuant to C.G.S.12-144c, the Town of Colchester waives any property tax due in the amount less than \$5.00. The bills that are in question pertain to motor vehicle and personal property bills. A good amount of them are under \$5.00

I have reached out to several professionals in my association and have gotten two different viewpoints as to how to handle this situation. If this Mill Rate was set before the bills were mailed out the additional charges would be added and collected accordingly. On the other hand, another viewpoint is to treat this increase as a separate billing and in doing so to waive the bill under \$5.00 per our town charter.

We have 15,813 bills for Motor Vehicle and Personal Property of which 14,965 falls into this category. Attached are two rate book balance sheets and highlighted are the dollar amounts which total \$40,365.88. If bills are waived under \$5.00 this number falls drastically.

The Tax Office strives to produce good information and in order to do so we need to understand the intent of the Board of Selectmen. Would you like us to bill out all the increases or waive the increases under \$5.00?

Thank you for your time and action on this issue.

Sincerely,

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