

## Fw: Letter from the Tax Collector

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To: **Boards & Commissions** <b-c@colchesterct.gov>

Although I attached to my last meeting, please attach this email to BOF Regular Meeting 3/22/23 Agenda.

Andrea Migliaccio, Chairman, Board of Finance  
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**From:** Michele Wyatt <taxcollector@colchesterct.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2023 11:26 AM

**To:** Andrea Migliaccio <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>

**Cc:** Mike Hayes <mhayes@colchesterct.gov>; Mike Egan <megan@colchesterct.gov>; John Thomas <jthomas@colchesterct.gov>; Art Shilosky <aShilosky@colchesterct.gov>; Mary Williamson <mwilliamson@colchesterct.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Letter from the Tax Collector

Good Morning

Thank you for your response. I spoke to Mary Williamson about the projections, and we thought it'd be best to send everyone this email so that you realize what sending out bills 6 months past the original due date did to our revenue. One of the key pieces that Maggie Cosgrove always had us do at this time was project where our current budgets would come in at - this gives you a good understanding of what is going on now. I used all the same formulas as in the past. Additionally, I took it a step further and did a 5 year look back and I came up with the same shortfall. Also, the projections for next year are going down. As I have stated we will not have a tax sale this coming year - that is actually a difference of \$150K ; \$75K under Delinquent Taxes and \$75K under Interest and Penalties.

Here is the projections - Let me know if you have any questions

	<b>ADOPTED BUDGET <u>2022-2023</u></b>	<b>PROJECTED ACTUAL <u>2022-2023</u></b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET <u>2023-2024</u></b>
<b>11303 TAX COLLECTOR</b>			
11303 30111 CURRENT TAXES	41,386,722	40,981,918	98.80%
11303 30112 DELINQUENT TAXES	450,000	450,000	350,000
11303 30113 INTEREST AND PENALTIES	300,000	285,000	250,000
11303 34621 COPIER FEES	200	328	200
TAX STABLIZATION PAYMENTS	455,255	455,255	0
<b>TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR</b>	<b>42,592,177</b>	<b>42,172,501</b>	<b>600,200</b>

Sincerely,

**Michele Wyatt, CCMC**

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**From:** Andrea Migliaccio <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 8:01 PM

**To:** Michele Wyatt <taxcollector@colchesterct.gov>

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Good Evening Michele,

I will make sure to add your email to the correspondence. Mike E & I met with Mary this morning to discuss revenues, as she will be working on them on an ongoing basis up to the final mill rate calculation achieved after the referendum.

Both Mary & BOF has noted your request to reduce your revenue projections by \$75k based on not having a tax sale in the budgeted year. Revenues are the final budgeted item solidified. In the budget process, BOF will use the finance's office on-going estimates, and collaborate to determine the forecast of final projections. Again, this is the last step in the budget process and the work has begun. Please note Mary has been in seat a mere weeks.

I have cc'd Mary to share your concerns.; Perhaps you and she could take a moment tomorrow and plan a revenue conversation to occur upon your return. I can suggest if you have revenue projections ready she can review them in your absence for an efficient meeting. Also, please seek your supervisor,

Andreas, should you be aware of any revenue concerns ahead of your vacation and CE schedule. There should be no surprises coming from the tax office.

Thanks Michele.

Andrea Migliaccio, Chairman, Board of Finance  
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**From:** Michele Wyatt <taxcollector@colchesterct.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 12:11 PM

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Good Morning

I am asking my letter to the BOF be added for consideration in your budget discussions.

I also want to point out that no one has come to me asking for my revenue projections. As the tax collector and the department that brings in the majority of the revenue, I was always brought into discussions about income revenues. There are formulas that are used by my office to project everything - in the past these formulas worked well. Once again, this year is very different. I would have thought there would have been discussions with me already. After tomorrow I will be out on vacation for a week and then out of the office in continuing educational training the following returning back to the office on March 27th.

Thank you

Sincerely,

**Michele Wyatt, CCMC**

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