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Town Manager's Report June 20, 2018

Waste Management has declined participation in the BETE (Business Equipment Tax Exemption) program. This is a program that is designed to reduce taxation by 50 percent. As a result of the change in program participation, there is an approximate \$650,000 in value that will be added to the tax base this year.

The airport gate was destroyed last week by a hit-and-run. We have not found the responsible party and will have to claim the damages against our insurance, if we can't seek restitution. The original cost of installing the gate was \$32,500; we are awaiting cost estimates for insurance replacement.

The Kind Mind mass gathering application was submitted and denied by the Planning Board. The event was scheduled for the first weekend in August and the application was not compliant with the 120 day advance for application.

Primary voting took place at the Grange. The building suited our needs well, but there remains question about the viability of using that building for larger elections. There were several comments about not using the school, but the compliments for moving it away from the school were greater.

In follow-up to the last meeting, I spoke with county officials about the possibility of helping to offset overtime expenses as a result of the manhunt. After speaking with the Finance Director, any money we send would become part of the county's general fund and wouldn't necessarily benefit SSO. I recommend against any such proposal unless guarantees can be provided.

The sewer vacuum truck has been in need of repair. In order to spread in full compliance, we had to do some work of the truck. Seals and side boards have been replaced and a new pump is being installed. The pump cost approximately \$2,250, but is necessary.

The Fire Department issued its request for proposals for the new fire truck. Bids will close on July 20; it will likely be before the Board for consideration on August 1.

30-day notices were sent out yesterday. This is about average for the number of notices sent out 30 days prior to filing liens on properties for 2018 unpaid taxes.

Thank you to Carter's Tree Service for their donation of stump grinding off the end of the town office. He offered to grind the stump at no cost, which will help offset expenses related to paving for the resident sand shed.

There was an accident on River Road near Oak Cemetery; this caused damage to some of the headstones. While this is not our direct responsibility, we have coordinated price estimates and have shared this information with the Sheriff's Department. Ideally, these stones will be repaired and the driver's insurance will cover the cost.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
17	18	19 30 day notices '17 taxes sent	20 6PM Selectmen	21	22	23
24	25	26 5PM- TIF Mtg	27	28 6PM Planning Board	29	30
1	2	3	4 4 th of July Office closed	5	6	7