



Town of Simsbury

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Joseph Mancini –Director of Finance/Treasurer

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Finance

From: Joseph Mancini –Finance/Treasurer

Re: **Report of the Director of Finance**

Date: August 18, 2014

CC: Mary Glassman, First Selectman
Matt Curtis, Superintendent of Schools
Tom Cooke, Director of Administrative Services
Burke LaClair, School Business Manager

Update on Tax Collections and Grand List

Through June 30, 2014 the current year collections ended at \$83,260,446.39, which is a collection rate of 99.45%, which is the same forecast that was provided last month.

Collections through July 31, 2014 were 97.3%, which is .46% higher than last year and the highest since July 2008.

Investment Policy

Over the past six weeks I've been working with Morgan Stanley on coming up with an investment policy that fits with the town's needs. I've included a copy of the policy, much of what is covered within the policy follows CT general statutes. The portion where I need the board of finance to look is the duration. At present I'm given a six month window to invest, this policy requests up to five years.

Simsbury Farms Subcommittee

No update to be given, meetings to commence shortly.

Long Range Plan

Town and BOE are both working on assembling the information for the base case, much of the focus over the next month is to pull the information together and create a model that allows for scenarios.

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Thursday
8:30 – 1:00 Friday

Estimated Reserves

Based on current projections and assuming all transfers are approved by the Board of Finance I expect the town to be favorable \$1.5 Million Dollars, \$2.0 Million Dollars in Revenue, partially offset by \$466k of additional expenses/cost cleanup.

Operations

Revenue

Tax Collection	\$1,287K
Pharos farm	\$ 480K
Simsbury Common	(\$ 217K)
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$ 265K</u>
	\$1,815K

Expenses

Negotiated Salaries	(\$ 344K)
FY14 Snow	(\$ 102K)
Agreed Upon Procedures	(\$ 15K)
Simsbury Farms FY13	(\$ 235K)
Contingency	\$ 150K
<u>Operations</u>	<u>\$ 80K</u>
	(\$466K)

Operations Summary **\$1,349K**

Projects Approved from Capital through budgeting process

Tariffville Extension	\$ 212K
Simsbury Farms	\$ 125K
Various Bridge Improvements	\$ 115K
Alternative Energy	\$ 103K
Network Infrastructure	\$ 150K
<u>High School Track</u>	<u>\$ 250K</u>
	\$ 955K

Capital Approvals Total **\$955K**

Amount of favorability that has not been allocated **\$394K**

Bond Premiums

In 2012 and 2013 the town issued debt / refunded debt and received a premium for those issuances. In 2012 the town received premiums of \$191,969, and in 2013 the town received \$45,660. These amounts are still in the capital fund. In the past the town would absorb this amount into the general fund. The town has an opportunity to transfer the full amount of \$237,630, or to use these costs to defray some future borrowing costs.

Comparative Analytics

Provided today is a comparative analysis of some key metrics off AAA towns in the state, plus some other local municipalities, this information is provided by the Office of Policy and Management and is current as of the end of Fiscal Year '12, Fiscal Year '13 should be coming out around December. I've tried to pull some metrics that would highlight some concerns I've received as far as tax rates and education spent, I've also pulled information that I think highlights the strengths of the town.