

Press Release

Revised Motor Vehicle Tax Bills, Town of Manchester

December 28, 2017- The Town of Manchester is sending revised motor vehicle tax bills for the 2016 Grand List. These tax bills are expected to be mailed on December 29, 2017. These bills are already available online at the Town's online tax database at this link:

<https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=manchester>

Tax bills for the October 1, 2016 Grand List (tax list) are typically sent in June 2017. The Town of Manchester announced in June 2017 that the motor vehicle tax bills would be delayed until September this year, due to uncertainty regarding the State of Connecticut budget, and, potential changes to the State-mandated mill rate (tax rate) cap for motor vehicle taxation.

In September, Motor Vehicle tax bills were sent based on what was then still the State-mandated mill rate cap of 32.00 mills (\$32.00 in taxes per thousand dollars of net assessment) with the State pledging to pay the difference based on the Town not being allowed to use the full Town mill rate. As part of the State budget adoption, which was not finalized until late in October, the State-mandated mill rate cap was increased from 32.00 mills to 39.00 mills, and anticipated funds for Manchester were substantially reduced. Municipalities were given the option of re-billing motor vehicle tax bills, retroactively, from 32.00 mills to 39.00 mills when the State decided it would not make up the difference. The Board of Directors has determined that failure to address these budget issues now will only compound future challenges which lie ahead, especially for the Town's South Manchester Fire District.

In order to better position the Town to address additional loss of State aid anticipated in the upcoming years, the Town of Manchester made the difficult decision to re-bill these motor vehicle taxes. Please note that although this tax bill is the second tax bill you received for the 2016 Grand List (tax list), the Town's GENERAL FUND mill rate of 34.85 (\$34.85 per thousand dollars of assessment) remains the same as it was for the 2015 Grand List tax bills that were billed in 2016.

If you disposed of the vehicle in question between October 2016, and August 2017, and you previously had your assessment for this tax bill prorated, it will indicate "CORRECTED BILL" on the enclosed tax bill. If you disposed of the vehicle in question between October 2016, and August 2017, and you have not previously had your assessment for this tax bill prorated, you may find out more information about how to have your tax bill prorated on our website at:

<http://assessmentandcollection1.townofmanchester.org/index.cfm/motor-vehicle-appeals-and-adjustments/>

or by calling 860-647-3016. The enclosed tax bill also contains additional information.

The Office of Manchester Assessments & Collection is located at the Manchester Town Hall at 41 Center Street, Manchester, CT, and is open weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.