

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Dec. 14, 2021

Transfer Station, Landfill

In anticipation of the cold weather coming we have taken steps to make sure the Transfer Station and its equipment are ready. We have had both compactors serviced and deemed to be in excellent working condition. In addition, the new Buildings & Grounds Department will be handling the snow removal process up there, including plowing and snow blowing.

We have also recently completed the annual mowing, inspection and well monitoring required by DEP at the landfill.

The Franklin County Solid Waste Management District has submitted it's FY23 Budget (attached here) and posted online it's [FY21 Audit Report](#). This is another one of the weirdly fascinating reads.

Lastly, Christmas day and New Year's day both fall on Saturdays this year. Floyd and Metty are both willing to work on Sunday if that's alright with the Board. We'll put something on the website to let residents know of the change.

Town Hall schedule – Holidays

As we just acknowledged, Christmas & New Year's fall on Saturdays this year. According to the Personnel Policy any holidays that fall on Saturdays are observed on Fridays. As the Town Hall is no longer open on Fridays we are faced with the question as to whether to observe the holidays on Thursday. The Personnel Policy should be updated to capture this occurrence but in the meantime, I believe it is the intent of the current language to give those who do not technically work on Fridays the Thursday holiday. But ultimately it is your decision. This would likely only impact the Town Hall. The Buckland Library is also open on Fridays and Saturdays and Jane has communicated that they will close at 4 p.m. on Christmas and New Year's Eve and be closed on the holidays.

FY22 Tax Rate

Follow-up to the Tax Classification minutes. The Town's recap was approved today, setting our new tax rate at \$16.78, a decrease from last year's \$17.84. This reduction in the rate per \$1,000 signifies what we all have suspected – values have increased.

Tax bills are being prepped this week and we anticipate getting them out before the end of the month / year.

This is also the information we need to begin building our FY23 budget.