TOWN OF POMFRET

One Month Delay in Sending Tax Bills

The Pomfret Tax Collector will mail this year's tax bills out by Tuesday August 1st. If you are paying your bill in person at the Town Hall you will have until 5:00 PM on August 31st, 2017 to pay your bill without penalty. If you are mailing your bill the envelope needs to be postmarked not later than September 1st to avoid a penalty charge. Please note that the amount of revenue from the State of Connecticut indicated on your tax bill is subject to change since the state budget will not have been adopted at the time your tax bill was printed.

Why the month delay you may be asking. Connecticut does not have an approved budget as I write this article. Without an approved state budget our Board of Finance will estimate the amount of state revenue to be sent to Pomfret in order to set a mill rate. We are hopeful that by delaying setting the mill rate until July 3rd we will have additional state revenue information to make a better estimate. Postponing setting the mill rate has the effect of delaying when the tax bills can be prepared and mailed by about one month.

Once the state budget is adopted we may need to adjust your January 2018 tax bill, up or down.

We know the legislature's and Governor's failure to adopt a budget prior to our fiscal year starting is a major inconvenience for local taxpayers and we are doing everything in our power to impress upon them to complete their work.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Craig Baldwin First Selectman

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