



FINANCE, ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Council Chambers B, Keene City Hall
September 23, 2021
6:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Acceptance of State of New Hampshire Grant Funding for Youth Services' Juvenile Court Diversion Programming - Youth Services
2. Tax Deeds for Unpaid 2018 Property Taxes -Revenue Collection

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

1. Councilors Remy, Bosley and Giacomo - Continued Remote Participation

NON PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

ITEM #A.1.

Meeting Date: September 23, 2021

To: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

From: Demitria Kirby, Youth Services

Through: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Andrew Bohannon, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Director

Subject: **Acceptance of State of New Hampshire Grant Funding for Youth Services' Juvenile Court Diversion Programming - Youth Services**

Recommendation:

Move that the Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee recommend that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to accept and administer funds provided by the State of New Hampshire for Juvenile Court Diversion programming.

Attachments:

None

Background:

Youth Services has been granted a funding opportunity from the State of New Hampshire totaling \$32,808 but disbursed in \$16,404 increments over the course of two State fiscal years.

The grant is specifically designated towards Juvenile Court Diversion programming. It will serve several purposes. First, it will provide assistance with restitution, provided the youth meaningfully participates in community service activities to "pay back" the assistance. This will relieve a portion of the financial burden many families face when their youth commit offenses.

This funding will also be used to provide community engagement opportunities such as documentary screenings, panel discussions, workshops, and guest speakers who can educate the community on the current needs of our youth. Furthermore, it will assist in purchasing films, displays and dioramas to assist in educating youth who are more "visual" learners. Funding will also be used to update office equipment, purchase office supplies, hire a paid intern and increase both the travel reimbursement and training budgets.



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ITEM #A.2.

Meeting Date: September 23, 2021

To: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

From: Mary Alther, Revenue Collector

Through: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager

Subject: Tax Deeds for Unpaid 2018 Property Taxes -Revenue Collection

Recommendation:

The Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee refer the attached recommended list of properties that are eligible for tax deed for unpaid 2018 property taxes to the City Council.

Attachments:

1. Tax Deeds_Attachment

Background:

The tax collector must execute the deed for unpaid property taxes unless the City Council directs the collector to waive that process. A waiver is appropriate in certain circumstances that include:

- Taking deed to the property would subject the City to potential liability that might result from an environmental impairment of the property in question.
- Taking deed to the property would expose the City to undesirable obligations or liability risks, including obligations under real estate covenants or obligations to tenants;or
- Taking deed to the property would for any other reason, be contrary to the public interest.

The Deed Waiver will authorize the City Manager to sign deed waivers on the properties that are listed providing additional time for payment of the taxes, interest and costs outstanding. This action would extend the deadline for payment of the outstanding taxes. Following this deadline, staff will review the status of any accounts with outstanding 2018 property taxes and advance additional recommendations.

The recommendation for deeding will authorize the Revenue Collector to deed the two listed properties. The properties for deeding do not have payment plans or have broken the plans, and after several notices, phone calls, and emails, have not shown that the taxes will be paid.

There are three additional properties that are in bankruptcy and cannot be deeded.

For the following properties, city staff is recommending a waiver to tax deeding and will return after March 31, 2022 with additional recommendations after a review of the status of the accounts.

Address	Map & Lot	Property Type
26 Oriole Ave	219001000016000	Manufactured Housing
71 Oriole Ave	219001000069000	Manufactured Housing
42 Starling St	219001000341000	Manufactured Housing
55 Starling St	219001000368000	Manufactured Housing
27 Minerva Lane	240007000000000	Manufactured Housing
14 Schult St	242008000214000	Manufactured Housing
493 Elm St	515026000000000	Single Family

For the following properties, city staff is recommending a waiver to tax deeding and will return after November 1, 2021 with additional recommendations after a review of the status of the accounts.

Address	Map & Lot	Property Type
18 Algonquin Drive	101018000000000	Single Family
792 Court St	219002000007060	Condominium
888 Marlboro Road	240032000000000	Commercial
50 Hilltop Dr	503025000000000	Single Family
399 Elm St	530022000000000	Single Family
25 Charles St	532040000000000	Single Family
139 Carroll St	536045000000000	Single Family
35 Forest St	549137000000000	Single Family
23 Park Ave	564048000000000	Single Family
163 Island St	592025000000000	Single Family
30 Dartmouth St	595068000000000	Single Family

For the following properties, city staff is recommending to take by tax deed.

Address	Map & Lot	Property Type
329 Park Ave	539087000000000	Single Family
92 Beaver St	553046000000000	Single Family