## **REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR-2008**

The State of New Hampshire has enacted specific laws governing the collection of taxes under Chapter 80. The tax year begins on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the town has 18 months to collect the taxes due. In order to not lose this right, tax collectors have been given the powers to place a tax lien on the property on behalf of the municipality and a specific time period to perfect this lien.

After following the necessary legal procedures, the lien is perfected and filed by law with the Registry of Deeds for Sullivan County. The town holds the lien and redeems the lien upon full payments of taxes, interest and fees. Once the lien is filed, the property owner has two years to make full payment. If the taxes are not redeemed on or before the two year date, a deed is issued to the Town.

Sullivan County Registry of Deeds records are public. The major credit bureaus have extractors who pick up information on a regular basis such as liens filed. This is how it gets on the credit reports and will remain there for years. Unfortunately, the credit bureaus do not always pick up the releases and this does affect credit ratings.

A copy of all tax laws is available at the town office and on line with the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Ann Wheeler Tax Collector

## TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT Fiscal Year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008

-Debits-

| -  | -Debits-      |           |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|--|
| Uncollected Taxes                                |               |           |  |
| Beginning of fiscal year                         | 2008          | 2007      |  |
| -  |               |           |  |
| Property taxes                                   |               | \$378,306 |  |
| Timber yield tax                                 |               | \$455     |  |
| Land use change tax                              |               | \$0       |  |
| Excavations                                      | (* <b>-</b> ) | \$0       |  |
| Prior year's credit balances                     | (\$663)       |           |  |
| This year's new credits                          | (\$8,472)     |           |  |
| <b>Taxes Committed to Collector</b>              |               |           |  |
| Property taxes                                   | \$5,999,302   |           |  |
| Land use change taxes                            | \$31,580      |           |  |
| Yield taxes                                      | \$2,777       | \$223     |  |
| Excavation activities                            | \$54          |           |  |
| Overpayments                                     |               |           |  |
| Property taxes                                   | \$3,590       |           |  |
| Interest collected on                            |               |           |  |
| delinquent taxes                                 | \$4,142       | \$21,314  |  |
| TOTAL DEBITS                                     | \$6,032,310   | \$400,299 |  |
| -(   | Credits-      | ,         |  |
| <b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Ye</b> | ar            |           |  |
| Property taxes                                   | \$5,631,453   | \$210,671 |  |
| Land use changes taxes                           | \$31,580      | \$0       |  |
| Excavation                                       | \$54          | \$0       |  |
| Timber yield taxes                               | \$2,777       | 474       |  |
| Interest on taxes                                | \$4,142       | \$21,314  |  |
| Converted to liens (principal of                 | only) 0       | \$153,860 |  |
| Prior year overpayments assig                    |               |           |  |
| Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year            |               |           |  |
| Property taxes                                   | \$546         | \$13,776  |  |
| Timber tax                                       |               | \$204     |  |
| <b>Overpayments Collected During Fiscal Yea</b>  | r             |           |  |
| Property taxes-returned                          | \$0           |           |  |
| Property taxes-this year                         | \$0           |           |  |
| Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year             | ·             |           |  |
| Property taxes                                   | \$367,303     |           |  |
| Property Tax Credit Balance                      | (\$4,882)     |           |  |
| TOTAL CREDITS                                    | \$6,032,310   | \$400,299 |  |
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## TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008

|                         | -Debits-  |          |          |  |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--|
| Unredeemed Liens        | 2007      | 2006     | 2005+    |  |
| Beginning of year       | 0         | \$80,238 | \$38,241 |  |
| New liens               | \$166,048 |          |          |  |
| Interests/Penalties     | \$3,894   | \$13,556 | \$10,951 |  |
| TOTAL DEBITS            | \$169,943 | \$93,794 | \$49,191 |  |
|                         | -Credits- |          |          |  |
| Remittance to Treasurer |           |          |          |  |
| Redemptions             | \$69,525  | \$39,795 | \$37,912 |  |
| Interest/Penalties      | \$3,894   | \$13,556 | \$10,950 |  |
| Unredeemed liens        | \$96,505  | \$40,443 | \$329    |  |
| TOTAL CREDITS           | \$169,943 | \$93,794 | \$49,191 |  |