

## **Why was there such a significant increase in my quarterly tax bill?**

Actual tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were recently mailed. Although assessments may have remained very similar to Fiscal Year 2020, residents may have noticed a significant increase of their quarterly tax bill. This is a result in the change in the Town's tax rate, which went from \$19.00 to \$20.43 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation. A major factor in this change is the construction of the new Sharon High School.

Please be aware that the reason the increase in quarterly tax may seem disproportionate is because preliminary bills (due August 1 and November 1) are based solely on the total tax from the previous fiscal year, divided by 2 and split into 2 quarterly payments. Any increase in your annual tax is reflected in the final two quarters on the actual bill (due February 1 and May 1).

### **For Example:**

If the FY2020 annual tax bill totaled \$8,500, the FY2021 preliminary bills (due August 1 and November 1) would have been \$2,125/quarter ( $\$8,500 / 2$  and split into 2 payments). The total preliminary amount paid would be \$4,250.

If the FY2021 annual tax bill totaled \$9,500, increasing by \$1,000/year, the remaining tax due would be \$5,250, divided into two quarters in the amount of \$2,625 due February 1 and May 1.

August 1, 2020	\$2,125
November 1, 2020	\$2,125
February 1, 2021	\$2,625
<u>May 1, 2021</u>	<u>\$2,625</u>
TOTAL FY2021	\$9,500