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Town Gets \$700,000 Tax Payday

School committee sources inadvertently leaked news that Carver will receive an unexpected personal tax payment from NSTAR amounting to approximately \$700,000. FixCarver has learned that the payment is the result of a large transformer and associated improvements to power transmission lines that were added to a substation near the intersection of route 58 and Purchase Street last year. This amounts to \$36,175,711 in additional property tax value that was missed by town officials.

This payment will appear as new growth and as such is a recurring revenue stream. The Town of Carver budgets approximately \$200,000 per year in new growth. It's amazing and fortunate for town taxpayers that such a large chunk of new revenue escaped the covetous eyes (inordinately or wrongly desirous of wealth or possessions; greedy) of town spenders. A revenue source this large likely could be used to fund the school renovation project with careful planning and do so without a tax increase.

FixCarver.com urges all to understand that back room deals are already in process to spend this tax windfall on ongoing expenses. School renovations now can be accomplished without a tax increase if we maintain the discipline and prioritize our spending. Teachers beware we will oppose any attempt to use this money to fund your wage increases. You must be held to the same standard as all other town employees. Town meeting needs to send this money straight to the stabilization fund until such time as plans can be formulated without a tax increase to fix our schools. This money truly needs to be for the children of our town.

Fixcarver.com has taken the unusual step of posting this story without the usual documentary evidence because we know the transformer was installed last year and the fact that the equipment would be clasified at the commercial tax rate. We also want the public to benefit from this knowledge in advance of town meeting to rob town officials of the opportunity to plot to waste this windfall on ongoing budget items. We will make inquiries to get exact figures as soon as possible.

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