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Finance Department
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Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road
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Dear Board of Selectmen:

You should have recently received your 2006 county tax bill. As we have done in the past, we are providing information specific to your municipality to explain how the County taxes are allocated.

The formula for Winchester's portion of county taxes is based on the town's percentage of equalized valuations including utilities, to the overall total equalized valuations for all Cheshire County municipalities. For example, using the data from the information below, Winchester's equalized valuations for 2006, of \$270,808,904, is 3.8773% of the total equalized valuations in Cheshire County of \$6,984,529,867. That percentage is then applied against the total dollar amount of taxes to be raised.

The process I have described above is what the Department of Revenue Administration uses in order to calculate the county tax allocation. The tax amounts are calculated and certified by the DRA only after they have received all equalized valuations from the Towns in Cheshire County and the City of Keene and the total amount of taxes to be raised from Cheshire County each year. It is from the DRA's certified Tax Apportionment that the County produces the bills.

Cheshire County Tax Allocation for the Town of Winchester 2004-2006:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Total Cheshire County Equal Valuations	\$6,984,529,867	\$6,148,636,804	\$5,450,896,104
Winchester's Equalized Valuation including Utilities & Railroads*	\$ 270,808,904	\$ 235,909,234	\$ 203,840,312
Winchester's % Proportion to County Tax	3.8773%	3.8368%	3.7396%
Total Cheshire County Taxes	\$ 13,276,742	\$ 11,990,941	\$ 11,668,335
Winchester's Apportionment of County Budget	\$ 514,775	\$ 460,065	\$ 436,346

*DRA uses prior year Equalized Valuations to allocate current year County Taxes.

If you have additional questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 355-3036.

Sincerely,

Sheryl A. Trombly, Finance Director