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To: The VT House Agriculture Committee and Forest Products Committee

The list below includes the list of the collections and/or administration that the State of VT has mandated to be done by the Town Municipal Clerks and Treasurers.

Domestic pet or wolf-hybrid fees for spaying and neutering program administered by Agency of Human Services.

Domestic pet or work-hybrid fees for rabies control administered by the Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, Agency of Fish and Wildlife, and the Health Department.

Civil Marriage fees for the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund.

Education Tax collection: Every year the state seems to change the rules, with extensions for filing homesteads, and changing the credit adjustments. The State no longer send refunds to taxpayers, so as Treasurer I collect taxes and do corrected billings from August through December some years. Last year I processed 53 corrected tax bills and these resulted in five refund checks to be processed. I think it is safe to say this takes a lot of time with little or no compensation from the state for doing this task. We are supposed to get a \$15 fee for our work, but many times the situation for the corrected billing does trigger a fee to the Towns.

Printing of Liquor Licenses has now cost shifted to the towns as VT Department of Liquor Control now emails the documents and the Towns now have to print and mail them out to the businesses.

A new system is just beginning. The Current Use application process is now going to be done electronically. The state is again cost shifting to the Towns by emailing documents that the Towns now need to print out before recording can be done.

Proposal being considered: H.35 Clean Water Bill
Municipal Treasurers to bill and collect a \$25 fee from property taxpayers

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