

Town of Brewster

FY18 Annual Audit

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For the Brewster Select Board & Finance Committee

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Annual Municipal Audits

- An audit is an independent examination of a municipality's financial transactions and accounts to determine if the town's financial statements are fairly presented and in accordance with accepted accounting standards.
- It involves a full review of fiscal procedures and controls, conducting tests, and an independent confirmation of assets and liabilities.
- Is relied on by the bond market to assign a community's bond rating.
- Adds credibility to the municipality's reported financial position.



Products of an Annual Municipal Audit

- 1. Auditor's Report (the opinion):** "Report on the Examination of Basic Financial Statements."
 - Addresses: Are the financial statement of the town fairly presented in accordance with accepted accounting standards?
 - If auditor does not believe the financial statements are fairly presented, opinion will state this.
- 2. Auditor's Management Letter:**
 - Outlines an auditor's recommendations for improvements in accounting procedures, internal financial controls, and other matters.
 - If a certain weakness was found, it will be identified in the letter as a "finding." If there are no findings, no letter is produced.

