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RE: 2011 Assessment Review ~ **REVISED**

Honorable Members of the Board:

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration has completed its review based on the six assessment areas specifically identified in RSA 21-J:11-a and RSA 21-J:14-b I. (c).

They are:

- A. Level of assessments and uniformity of assessments are within acceptable ranges as recommended by the Assessing Standards Board by considering, where appropriate, an assessment-to-sales-ratio study conducted by the Department for the municipality;
- B. Assessment practices substantially comply with applicable statutes and rules;
- C. Exemption and credit procedures substantially comply with applicable statutes and rules;
- D. Assessments are based on reasonably accurate data;
- E. Assessments of various types of properties are reasonably proportional to other types of properties within the municipality; and,
- F. For all revaluations including full revaluations, partial revaluations, cyclical revaluations and statistical updates conducted on or after the April 1, 2006 assessment year by either an independent contractor or an in-house assessor, a report based on the most recent edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Standard 6 shall be produced.

In accordance with RSA 21-J:11-a, II, the Department shall report its findings to the Assessing Standards Board and the municipality.

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We are pleased to report that you have met most of the above guidelines as recommended by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB), with the exception of the following:

Item B.2 Inventory Program. Three of the properties reviewed did not reflect what was actually on the property as of April 1st. Attached please find the Departments' worksheets indicating areas that should be addressed.

Item B.4.a-c Current Use. The current use files still need some work in order to comply with applicable statutes and rules. Attached please find the Departments' worksheets indicating areas that should be addressed.

Item B.4.d Land Use Change Tax. The Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) files should have documentation to support the market value prepared by the assessor. Attached please find the Departments' worksheets indicating areas that should be addressed.

The Department has assisted many communities in areas that needed attention. Please feel free to call us anytime and we would be more than willing to assist in any way we can.

Prior to release of this report to the ASB you have an opportunity to respond to any DRA recommendations made. Your response should be made within 30 days of the date of this letter. Shortly, we will be in contact to schedule a meeting to review this report and help with any questions you may have.

Special thanks to those staff members assisting with information retrieval as well as working in an understanding and cooperative manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that pursuant to RSA75: 8-a Five-Year Valuation as well as Part 2 [Art.] 6. [Valuation and Taxation.] of the State Constitution your next town-wide reappraisal must be completed no later than 2016.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Stephan W. Hamilton, Director  
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