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Town of Woodstock ATTN: Board of Selectmen P.O. Box 156 Woodstock, NH 03262

Re: 2015 Assessment Review

Honorable members of the Board:

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration has completed its review based on the six assessment areas specifically identified 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.

We are pleased to report that you have met all of the above standards as recommended by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB). Your attention to detail, thoroughness, periodic review, integrity and hard work are commendable. You stand out as an excellent example for other communities to follow.

The town does not receive adequate supporting documentation for the assigned market value for the Land Use Change Tax. We recommend the town request this information from the Contract Assessor to support the market value assessed.

Congratulations and thank you for a job well done!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that pursuant to RSA 75:8-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 2020.

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

Sincerely,

Stephan W. Hamilton, Director Municipal and Property Division

cc: Assessing Standards Board file