

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The NH Department of Revenue Administration Announces Current Use Board Public Forum Dates**

Concord – October 22, 2014 – Current Use Board sets public forum dates in November to present its proposal for current use assessment ranges for the coming year and to discuss the benefits and administration of the program, as well as receiving questions and comments from the public on current use practices and rates.

#### **The Current Use Board Public Forum Dates**

Pursuant to RSA 79-A:3, the Current Use Board will be holding a series of three (3) public forums across the State of New Hampshire to hear questions and comments from the general public pertaining to current use practices and rates. The Board will be presenting its proposal for current use assessment ranges for the coming year and discuss the benefits and administration of the program. The public forums are scheduled as follows:

November 18, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. - Albany - Albany Town Hall – 1972-A NH Route 16, Albany NH 03818

November 20, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. - North Haverhill - Grafton County Complex – 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy, North Haverhill NH 03774

November 24, 2014 – 9:30 a.m. - Concord – Department of Revenue Administration – 109 Pleasant Street, M&S Building, Concord NH 03302. *(The security procedures at the Department of Revenue Administration require all visitors to sign-in and present photo identification. If you plan on attending this public forum, please bring photo identification.)*

#### **RSA 79-A:1 Declaration of Public Interest.**

It is hereby declared to be in the public interest to encourage the preservation of open space, thus providing a healthful and attractive outdoor environment for work and recreation of the state's citizens, maintaining the character of the state's landscape, and conserving the land, water, forest, agricultural and wildlife resources. It is further declared to be in the public interest to prevent the loss of open space due to property taxation at values incompatible with open space usage. Open space land imposes few if any costs on local government and is therefore an economic benefit to its citizens. The means for encouraging preservation of open space authorized by this chapter is the assessment of land value for property taxation on the basis of current use. It is the intent of this chapter to encourage but not to require management practices on open space lands under current use assessment.