

**REVALUATION / RECERTIFICATION
BI-ANNUAL TAX BILLING
2ND PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF FREMONT NH**

The Selectmen continue to review pertinent statutes and the NH Constitution for guidance, as well as talking with NH DRA representatives about the Town's required 2010 revaluation / recertification process.

It is important that residents understand this process as well, which must take place every five years, as mandated by the NH Constitution and Statutes. Instead of spending the estimated \$3,000 to \$5,000 to hold a special Town Meeting this fall, the Board has decided to continue to present information about the process to voters, and place articles instead, on the March 2010 warrant for voter consideration.

We have the necessary funds already set aside in the Capital Reserve Fund, and need authorization to spend them for the recertification process. Performing the recertification will get all property values closer to 100% of current market conditions, alleviating some of the concern related to balancing market conditions and property values.

Please help the Town do this in the most cost-effective manner. We hope you can participate in the 2010 Public Budget Hearing at 7:30 pm on Tuesday January 12, 2010; and in the Deliberative Session scheduled for 9:00 am on Saturday January 30, 2010 at Ellis School. Ballot voting will then take place on Tuesday March 9, 2010 at the Fremont Safety Complex.

A second Informational Public Hearing will be held on Thursday evening November 19, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, in the main floor meeting room.

The purpose will be to discuss the recertification process as well as bi-annual tax billing. Representatives from NH DRA will be here, as well as the Town's contracted assessing firm, MRI.

Appropriating the money and authorizing its withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund at the March 2010 Town Meeting and getting the process underway next spring will ensure that Fremont has oversight to the project and it can be done at less cost to Fremont taxpayers.

The public is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. The Board of Selectmen is looking for your input and to provide voters and residents with information about this process.

Those unable to attend the hearing are encouraged to send written comment to be received by November 18, 2009 to the Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120; or by email to Selectmen@Fremont.nh.gov.

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