

## GENERAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

**ABATEMENT REQUIREMENTS:** The abatement process is designed to correct any inequities in the annual tax assessment process. Fact sheets can be found on the Town's website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) on the Assessing page. A link to the abatement form can be found there as well. You can also access the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals site at [www.nh.gov/btla](http://www.nh.gov/btla).

An abatement application would be pertinent if you find your home to be disproportionately assessed as compared to other homes similar to it.

The abatement fact sheet also provides information about the Equalization Ratio. This is a percentage calculated annually by the NH Department of Revenue Administration to review the ratio of assessed values to those of fair market sales values.

Abatements are due by March 1 annually following the final notice of tax. (Abatements are to be filed after receipt of the December tax bill). Postmarks are accepted, but in hand applications must be received by the posted close of business hours for the Selectmen's Office on the due date.

**ASSESSING DATA:** The Town maintains all of its property record assessment data on the Vision Appraisal website at [www.visionappraisal.com](http://www.visionappraisal.com). You can access all Fremont property records at this site directly, or link to it from the Town's website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov).

The data is updated every few months from the in-house system to the Vision site. The most up-to-date information is always available at the Selectmen's Office during business hours. If you would like a copy of your tax card, please contact us and we will send one out to you.

**ASSESSING QUESTIONS:** The Town contracts with MRI for our assessing needs. Generally, there is an Assessor in the Selectmen's Office a couple of days per month. This fluctuates depending on time of year and other scheduling matters. If you have particular questions, you can phone the Selectmen's Office. If you need additional information, we will leave a message and have the Assessor contact you the next time he is in the office.

The Selectmen's Office includes some links on the Town's website to review the overall assessing process in the State of New Hampshire, as outlined in an extensive informational manual by the NH Assessing Standards Board. There is a link on the Town's Website, Board of Selectmen Page; or you can go to the NH Department of Revenue site by typing in the following URL to link to the entire manual:

[http://www.nh.gov/revenue/munc\\_prop/documents/asbmanualv1\\_2008.pdf](http://www.nh.gov/revenue/munc_prop/documents/asbmanualv1_2008.pdf)

**REVALUATION:** Values must be taken anew every five years. The Town of Fremont will undertake a Statistical Revaluation for all properties as of April 1, 2015. We have entered a contract with Vision Appraisal for this process, which will begin in early 2015. Information will be updated on the website and in the monthly newsletter as we progress.

**TAX CREDITS:** Property owners may be eligible for certain credits on their property. If you are a Veteran, Service-Connected Disabled Veteran, or the unremarried widow of a Veteran, you may be eligible for a Veteran Tax Credit. Application forms are available in the Selectmen's Office and you must have a copy of your DD-214 and meet all eligibility criteria. You can refer to NH RSA 72:28 through 72:38. Contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 11 for an application form and/or more information.

**TAX EXEMPTIONS:** Property owners may be eligible for certain exemptions on their property. If you are elderly, blind, or disabled, you may be eligible for an exemption. For elderly and disabled, there are income and asset limits. For more information, you can visit the Town's website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) and click on the Board of Selectmen page. You can also contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 11 for an application or more information.

**TAX RATE:** The local tax rates are set annually beginning in September, by the NH Department of Revenue Administration. You can see Fremont historical rate information in the Town Report. There is a tax rate fact sheet, updated annually, on the Town's website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) on the Board of Selectmen page.

**TAX YEAR:** The Tax Year in New Hampshire is April 1 to March 31. Fremont does bi-annual tax billing. You will receive two bills, the first generally due July 1 and the second/final generally due December 1 annually. If you receive a credit or exemption, it will be equally divided between the two billings. You should forward your tax bill to your mortgage company or lender if they escrow your property taxes.

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