

## GENERAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

**ABATEMENT REQUIREMENTS:** The abatement process is designed to correct any inequities in the annual tax assessment process. Information 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. You can also access good information on the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals site at [www.nh.gov/btla](http://www.nh.gov/btla).

An abatement application is pertinent if you find your home to be disproportionately assessed as compared to similar homes in Fremont. 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. More on equalization is on the State website.

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 Select Board Office on the due date. For the current tax year, that date is Monday March 1, 2023 by 7:00 pm.

**ASSESSING DATA:** The Town maintains all of its property record assessment data on the Vision Appraisal website at [www.vgsi.com](http://www.vgsi.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 frequently to the Vision site now that we are running V8. The most up-to-date information is always available at the Select Board's Office. 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. Our contract includes cyclical updates and there is an Assessor in the Select Board's Office approximately one day per week. This fluctuates depending on time of year and other scheduling matters. If you have particular questions, you can phone our office at 603 895 2226 x 303, 302 or 301. If you need additional information, we will leave a message and have the Assessor contact you the next time he is in the office.

We include some links on the Town's website to review the overall assessing process in the State of NH, as outlined in an extensive informational manual by the NH Assessing Standards Board: <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/property/documents/asb-manual.pdf>. You can also get information on local property taxation and assessing from the NH Department of Revenue Administration at: <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/index.htm>. The DRA is the State Agency regulating these matters.

**REVALUATION:** Per NH Statute and Constitution, values must be taken anew every five years. The Town of Fremont completed the required revaluation of all properties for April 1, 2020.

We continue to maintain a contract with MRI for cyclical updates, which keeps information more current and updated on a regular basis.

**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 Select Board's Office and on the website, and you must have a copy of your DD-214 with an honorable discharge, and meet all other eligibility criteria. You can refer to NH RSA 72:28 through 72:38. Contact the Select Board's Office for an application form and/or more information.

**TAX EXEMPTIONS:** Property owners may be eligible for certain exemptions on their property if they are elderly, blind, or disabled. 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 Select Board page. You can also contact the Select Board's Office for an application or more information.

**TAX BILLS:** Tax bills are mailed bi-annually and due generally July 1 and December 1. The Tax Collector collects taxes as assessed by the Select Board. If you have any questions about making a tax payment, contact the Tax Collector at [clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov) or 603 895 8693 x 307. Questions about assessments should be directed to the Select Board's Office.

**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 on the Town's website. If you have questions about the tax rate process you can call the Town Administrator at 603 895 2226 x 301.

**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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