

ASSESSOR'S ANNUAL REPORT for 2018

The firm of Municipal Resources (MRI) continues to be contracted to handle the assessing functions for the Town of Sandown. The primary members of the staff working in Town are, Scott Marsh, Michael Pelletier and Dan Scalzo. Additional staff members may be assisting. The Board requests that if any of the appraisers come to your property, you support the Town's efforts to keep assessments equitable and proper by answering their questions as well as allowing them to verify the data of your property.

Municipal Resources personnel are available to meet with taxpayers and if an appointment is desired, the Town's Office staff can schedule one for you.

The past year saw the assessing office handle 3 individual abatement requests. There were also roughly 175 properties reviewed due to taxpayer inquiries, issued building permits, incomplete status of prior year permits and/or site changes. In addition, the Town completed a revaluation for the 2018 tax year as was required which accounted for the Town's 2018 total taxable assessment increasing by roughly \$130,400,000.

A preliminary analysis of the annual DRA's equalization sales survey has been completed and the Town's overall median assessment ratio as of April 1, 2018 is expected to be roughly 94%.

PROPERTY TAX RATES - TAX YEARS 2010 - 2018

YR	Town	County	Local Educat	State Educat	Total
2010	\$3.75	\$0.95	\$13.42	\$2.26	\$20.38
2011	\$3.87	\$0.90	\$13.81	\$2.17	\$20.75
2012	\$4.00	\$0.91	\$13.79	\$2.08	\$20.78
2013	\$5.06	\$1.12	\$18.37	\$2.53	\$27.08
2014	\$4.50	\$1.11	\$19.45	\$2.53	\$27.59
2015	\$4.37	\$1.13	\$18.65	\$2.49	\$26.64
2016	\$5.13	\$1.15	\$20.34	\$2.54	\$29.16
2017	\$4.89	\$1.20	\$22.14	\$2.55	\$30.78
2018	\$4.26	\$1.00	\$19.16	\$2.12	\$26.54

Below is a list of Tax Exemptions and Credits currently available. Additional information and applications forms are available at the assessing office.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION - \$ OFF ASSESSED VALUATION

AMOUNT	REQUIRED AGE	INCOME LIMITATIONS	ASSET LIMITATION
\$ 85,000	65 TO 74	Not in excess of	Not in excess of \$200,000
\$100,000	75 TO 79	\$50,000 if single,	excluding the value of
\$125,000	80 AND UP	\$70,000 if married	the home & up to 2 acres

BLIND EXEMPTION - \$ OFF ASSESSED VALUATION

\$ 15,000
 Every inhabitant owning residential real estate and who is legally blind, as determined by the Administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the education dpmnt.

VETERAN

Standard & All Veterans Tax Credit \$500
 Every resident who served in the armed forces in any of the qualifying wars or armed conflicts as listed in RSA 72:28 or not less than 90 days of active service per RSA 72:28-b and was honorably discharged; or the spouse/surviving spouse of such resident

Surviving Spouse Tax Credit \$2,000
 The surviving un-remarried spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces, as listed in RSA 72:28

Service connected Disability Tax Credit \$2,000
 Any person who has been honorably discharged and received a form DD-214 and who has a total and permanent service connected disability, or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of the service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such person if such surviving spouse has not remarried.