

ASSESSOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

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 Michael Pelletier, Dan Scalzo, Seth Giberson and Scott Marsh. 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.

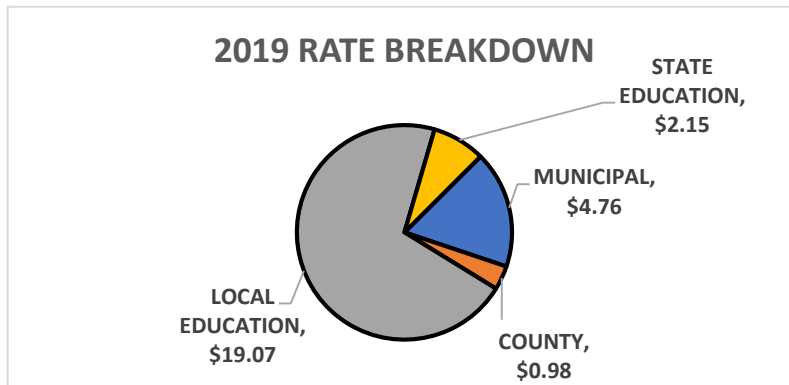
Municipal Resources personnel are available to meet with taxpayers and if an appointment is desired, the Town's office staff can schedule one for you.

The past year saw the assessing office handle four abatement requests. There were also over 200 properties reviewed due to taxpayer inquiries, issued building permits, incomplete status of prior year permits and/or site changes. As a result, the Town's net taxable valuation increased roughly \$6,400,000. We are also continuing the process of reviewing a portion of properties each year to ensure the accuracy of the details listed on individual property record cards.

An analysis by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) of the annual equalization sales survey has been completed and the Town's overall median assessment ratio as of April 1, 2019 is 87.4%.

PROPERTY TAX RATES - TAX YEARS 2015 - 2019

YR	Town	County	Local Educat	State Educat	Total
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
2019	\$4.76	\$0.98	\$19.07	\$2.15	\$26.96



Individual property assessing information may be obtained by visiting the assessing office or on-line by following the link on the Town's website (www.sandown.us/assessing).

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 department.

VETERAN

Standard & All Veterans Tax Credit \$750

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.