

**Town of Barnstead**

**Docket No.: 18263-00RA**

**SHOW CAUSE ORDER**

On August 30, 2000, a petition pursuant to RSA 71-B:16, IV, was filed by 50 or more taxpayers in the Town of Barnstead ("Town"). Based on the assertions contained in the petition and correspondence from the Town, the board held a preliminary show cause hearing on October 16, 2000, to receive testimony and evidence as to the Town's immediate and long term plans for reassessment. At the conclusion of the hearing, and as outlined in an October 30, 2000 order, the board requested its tax review appraiser, Mr. Stephan Hamilton perform an assessment-to-sales ratio study ("Study") in accordance with TAX 208.05. Mr. Hamilton submitted the Study to the board on June 14, 2001 (copy attached).

**Board's Findings**

The time elapsed since the last complete reassessment, the disparate levels of assessment for several strata of property and the coefficient of dispersion ("COD") all raise concerns as to whether the board should order an immediate reassessment pursuant to its RSA 71-B:16, III, authority.

Therefore, a hearing will be held on July 26, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. in the offices of the board

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located at Johnson Hall, Third Floor, State Office Park South, 107 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire, at which time the board will receive testimony and evidence from the Town assessing officials and any Barnstead taxpayers as to whether the board should order a reassessment. Further, the board requests any department of revenue administration personnel involved with the Town in accordance with RSA 21-J:11, or otherwise, be present.

Finally, the Town is ordered to post copies of this order in two public places in the Town and in a newspaper of general circulation no later than 10 days prior to the hearing date.

SO ORDERED.

BOARD OF TAX AND LAND APPEALS

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Paul B. Franklin, Chairman

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Michele E. LeBrun, Member

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Douglas S. Ricard, Member

**Certification**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing order, with attached copy of Mr. Hamilton's

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Study, has been mailed this date, postage prepaid, to: Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Barnstead; Roy W. Tilsley, Jr., Esq., counsel for George Fitzpatrick, Lead Petitioner; Taxpayer, 82 Winwood Drive, Barnstead, Lead Petitioner; and Guy Petell, Director of Property Appraisal, DRA. A copy of the foregoing order without Mr. Hamilton's Study (the Study is available for review at the board's offices) has been mailed to: Joanne Heger, Interested Party; and Karl E. Bahr, Interested Party.

Date:

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Lisa M. Moquin, Clerk

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