City of Claremont Reassessment

Docket No.: 18398-00RA

ORDER

The board has reviewed the response of the "City," filed by its Chief Assessor on December 22, 2004 regarding the City's planned 2005 update. The board's Order dated December 1, 2004 requested more details regarding the update and how it would address the issues raised in the Final Report filed by the board's review appraiser in this docket with respect to the City's 2003 ordered reassessment.

The City's response states it has the "goal of updating the entire City in 2005" and that this will "take care of" the concerns noted in the Order. These concerns included evidence of overall regressivity, disparate levels of assessment for certain strata and consistency problems with accepted (Marshall and Swift) building classification and base rate standards in the 2003 reassessment.

Notwithstanding these concerns, in light of the planned 2005 update and pursuant to RSA 71-B:17, the board finds the City's 2003 reassessment is satisfactory and the board's order requiring the reassessment is removed. The board anticipates the City will keep the department of revenue administration ("DRA") apprised of the planned 2005 update because of the DRA's

ongoing responsibilities under RSA Ch. 21-J with respect to the assessment process in each municipality.

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

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Albert F. Shamash, Esq., Member

Certification

I hereby certify a copy of the foregoing Order has this date been mailed, postage prepaid, to: Chairman, City Council, City of Claremont, 58 Tremont Square, Claremont, New Hampshire 03743; Matthew H. Upton, Esq., Upton & Hatfield, 10 Centre Street, Post Office Box 1090, Concord, New Hampshire 03302, counsel for the City; Vision Appraisal Technology, 44 Bearfoot Road, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532, Contracted Assessing Firm; Guy Petell, State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue Administration, 57 Regional Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, Interested Party; and Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Sunapee, Post Office Box 717, Sunapee, New Hampshire 03782, Interested Party.

Date: January 26, 2005

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Anne M. Stelmach, Deputy Clerk