

In Re: City of Claremont Reassessment Inquiry

Docket No.: 18398-00RA

ORDER

In a November 15, 2000 order, the board directed its review appraiser, Mr. Stephan Hamilton, to gather facts about the “City’s” assessment practices and submit a report to the board. Mr. Hamilton submitted his report on May 24, 2001 (copy attached).

Based on his report, the board finds the time elapsed since the last full reassessment of the City (1990) and the less than consistent practices in updating assessments since that time raise concerns whether there exists the need for a reassessment. Consequently, the board intends to make further findings of fact with regard to the criteria set forth in RSA 71-B:16-a prior to the issuance of any order relating to reassessment as provided by RSA 71-B:16, III. A hearing will be held on August 14, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. in the offices of the board located at Johnson Hall, Third Floor, State Office Park South, 107 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire. The City is ordered to show cause at the hearing why the board should not order a reassessment of all taxable property in the City pursuant to RSA 71-B:16, III. The board will receive testimony from City officials, Claremont taxpayers and any department of revenue administration personnel involved with the City in accordance with RSA 21-J:11 or otherwise as to the need for a general reassessment of all property.

Finally, the City is ordered to post copies of this order in two public places in the City 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

Paul B. Franklin, Chairman

Michele E. LeBrun, Member

Douglas S. Ricard, Member

Certification

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing order has been sent this date, postage prepaid, to: Chairman, Claremont Board of Assessors; and Guy Petell, Director Property Appraisal Division, Department of Revenue Administration

Date: June 20, 2001

Lisa M. Moquin, Temporary Clerk