

Department of Revenue Administration

v.

Town of Chatham

Docket No.: 18408-00RA

ORDER

On December 19, 2000, the Board of Tax and Land Appeals received a petition for reassessment from the Department of Revenue Administration (“DRA”) pursuant to RSA 71-:16, V. The board instructed its review appraiser, Mr. Stephan Hamilton, to initiate an investigation into the assessing practices of the Town of Chatham (“Town”) in accordance with board rule TAX 208.05. Mr. Hamilton has begun, but has not completed, his investigation at this point in time.

Because town meeting is imminent, it would be helpful to ascertain what, if any, plans the Town has for reassessment that will be addressed at the 2001 town meeting, before Mr. Hamilton proceeds further with his investigation. Consequently, the Town shall respond, within 20 days of the date of this order, stating whether any reassessment plans will be on the Town’s 2001 town meeting warrant. Once the board receives the Town’s response, the board will determine how best to process the petition.

SO ORDERED.

BOARD OF TAX AND LAND APPEALS

Lynn M. Wheeler, Clerk

Certification

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing order has been mailed this date, postage prepaid, to Chairman, Selectmen of Chatham; Mark Bennett, Esq., counsel for the DRA; and Guy Petell, Director, Property Appraisal Division, DRA.

Date: January 17, 2001

Lynn M. Wheeler, Clerk