

Department of Revenue Administration

v.

Town of Springfield

Docket No.: 18756-01RA

ORDER

On February 20, 2003, a show cause hearing was held, pursuant to the board's January 23, 2003 order, relative to the department of revenue administration's ("DRA") September 19, 2001 petition for municipal-wide reassessment ("Petition"). Attending the hearing for the DRA were: Mark Bennett, Esq., Guy Petell, Paula Clemente and Robert Boley; and representing the "Town" were: Gertrude Heath, Janet Roberts, John Perrotta, George McCusker, III and George Hildum.

At the hearing, the parties agreed the Town should proceed to have a full measure-and-list revaluation to be completed for tax year 2005. The Town outlined a proposed course of action, and the DRA concurred, including: 1) an update of the Town tax maps; 2) a request for proposal ("RFP") sent out and a contract signed with a revaluation company by October 1, 2003; 3) a warrant article introduced by the Town at the 2004 town meeting to appropriate the necessary funds for the revaluation; 4) the revaluation commencing during the summer of 2004 (beginning with the waterfront properties); and 5) the revaluation being completed effective for tax year 2005.

On March 3, 2003, the board received a letter agreement dated February 27, 2003 (the “Agreement”) signed by the parties, regarding the goals for, and implementation of, the revaluation. In light of the Agreement, the board will hold the Petition in abeyance until such time as: either the Petition is withdrawn by the DRA; or it comes to the board’s attention the process outlined in the Agreement has not been followed; at which time the board may take further action as appropriate.

SO ORDERED.

BOARD OF TAX AND LAND APPEALS

Paul B. Franklin, Chairman

Douglas S. Ricard, Member

Albert F. Shamash, Esq., Member

Certification

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing order has been mailed this date, postage prepaid, to: Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Springfield, Post Office Box 22, Springfield, New Hampshire, 03284; Mark J. Bennett, Esq., Department of Revenue Administration, Post Office Box 457, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301, counsel for the DRA; and Guy Petell, Director of Property Appraisal, Community Services Division, Department of Revenue Administration, 57 Regional Drive, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301.

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Date: 03/13/03

Anne M. Bourque, Deputy Clerk

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