

Town of Fitzwilliam

Docket No.: 21509-06RA

ORDER

Upon reviewing the “Town’s” and the “Lead Petitioners’” responses to the board’s September 13, 2006 Order, the board noted an assertion in the December 13, 2006 letter from David J. Green to the selectmen that the “view factor” had been removed from assessments, presumably for tax year 2006. Concerned with this assertion, the board requested copies of the Town’s 2005 and 2006 Summary Inventory of Valuation Forms (MS-1 Form) from the department of revenue administration. When comparing the total land valuation before exemptions (line 1G), the board notes a reduction in value of \$1,603,450 from 2005 to 2006 without any significant increase in current-use acreage. This reduction in land value lends support to the Lead Petitioners’ assertion that the view factors were removed in 2006.

Therefore, in accordance with the board’s RSA 71-B:5, I authority to “institute its own investigation ...,” the board directs its RSA 71-B:14 review appraisers to further investigate this issue and file a report with the board, copying the Town and the Lead Petitioners. After receiving the report, the board will issue an appropriate order or hold a hearing, if necessary, to determine an appropriate course of action.

SO ORDERED.

BOARD OF TAX AND LAND APPEALS

Paul B. Franklin, Chairman

Michele E. LeBrun, Member

Douglas S. Ricard, Member

Albert F. Shamash, Esq., Member

Certification

I hereby certify a copy of the foregoing Order has this date been mailed, postage prepaid to: Ashley Fletcher, 146 Route 119 West, PO Box 52, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447, Lead Petitioner; Margaret Wittenborg, 31 Temple Turnpike, PO Box 240, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447, Lead Petitioner; James P. Bassett, Esq. and James E. Morris, Esq., Orr & Reno, P.A., One Eagle Square, PO Box 3550, Concord, NH 03302, counsel for the Municipality; Vision Appraisal Technology, 44 Barefoot Road, 2nd Floor, Northborough, MA 01532; Town of Fitzwilliam, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, PO Box 725, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447; and Guy Petell, State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, 57 Regional Drive, Concord, NH 03301, Interested Party.

Date: January 22, 2007

Anne M. Stelmach, Clerk