

## **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

**May 2014**

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**Inventory Update Project** – As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, the total number of responses is 1800 plus out of 3,000. I have reviewed and processed 1200 with a total adjustment increase to date of \$277,300 in valuation. The majority of adjustments are the correction of components such as roof style (many have updated to metal roofs), floor type, finished basements and condition.

**Annual Vision Users Group Conference** – I did attend the conference along with several other Maine assessors. Many of the classes were informative in regards to the daily use of the software but not as specific to our new upgrade as I wished it could have been. The company is introducing another update already that would include working remotely and utilizing enhanced tools for mass appraisals. The update that we recently received here is sufficient for the size town that we have and works very well.

**MMA Convention** – The IAAO (International Assoc of Assessing Officers) State Chapter (on which I currently serve) is co-hosting an exhibit booth with the Maine Assoc of Assessing Officers at the annual convention held later this year. We want to be present to offer educational resources to other assessors, selectmen assessors and other officials with a “need to know”. This will be the first time the assessors have been in the exhibition area.

**Utilities** – We have received information from **CMP** in order to assess their transmission lines, smart meters and substations. It appears from their web site, that the Benton to Windsor corridor has new 115 kV lines but they have not started the second phase which includes the 345kV lines. One substation identified as the Halifax SS is now owned by FPLE, but I believe it was recently sold to **Brookfield** along with the lower Merimil dam. We have not received Brookfield's information as of yet.

**Summit Natural Gas** – The assessors are still waiting for the submission of data from the Colorado office. We had stated a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> but the day came and went without a response. We have been assured by the local representative that the information was mailed to the respective municipalities on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**2014 Field Work** – At this time of year and through the early summer, I will be out on the road conducting my annual on-site inspections of new construction which will include new condos at Heartland Estate, a major home renovation, a couple of new homes and several decks, sheds and minor renovations. I will also be visiting those homes that have received a foreclosure action notice, because in most cases, they are vacated and left to the elements. I will also be taking new photos as part of the above mentioned inventory project.