



Town of Belmont

Assessor's Office

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Dear Taxpayer:

The Town of Belmont is in the process of a town-wide revaluation for the purpose of maintaining an accurate real estate record and a fair assessment for every property. A revaluation is a process which creates a solid base of inventory for tax purposes. Every year the State comes into our office to audit our records and determines what our ratio is; currently, the State is valuing the Town at 85% of the market; i.e. our assessments are at 85% of the market. When our value is not at 100%, we lose value on our homestead exemption, veteran's exemption, etc. (for example, the homestead exemption for 2020 was \$25,000, but because we are assessed at 85%, we only get exempt \$21,250!). This project is necessary in order to make sure we are in line with the State and market value, and we want to work with you in order to make the process as easy as possible! We are coordinating the revaluation with updating our new assessing software, so your cooperation is much needed in answering specific questions on your property.

In order to help us, we need you to pick one of following options and have it completed on or before March 31, 2021:

1) Contact the Assessor's Office to schedule an on-site visit of your property – call or e-mail me at the above contact information. I will schedule a time that is convenient for you. The visit would include an exterior measure and a new photo; this visit should not take more than 20 minutes,

or;

2) Submit the enclosed Data Verification Form. The enclosed form is a detailed questionnaire regarding the components of your building(s). Do not hesitate to add as much information as you want. Your submitted form may be subject to further inquiries or a site visit may be warranted. I will take a new photo and an exterior measure of your property once I receive the form. The form may be dropped off at the Town Office, mailed, or e-mailed. **Please note, this questionnaire is detailed in order to correctly grade each property to make sure they are fairly assessed with like properties.**

This request is made to you pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, §706-A which provides that property owners furnish information upon written request from the assessor. Refusal or neglect to supply the requested list or neglect to answer inquiries brought forth by the Assessor regarding property will bar an appeal of their assessment. **If you choose not to pick either option, we will be forced to estimate.**

We reserve the right to request inspections to verify the data that has been provided. Please note, the Data Verification Form will only be accepted if it has been signed.

I welcome appointments to discuss the property or I can sit with you and assist with the form. Blank forms are available in the office or on-line at www.belmontme.org/revaluation.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Amber Poulin,
Assessors' Agent

Enclosure: 2021 Property Data Verification Form