

ASSESSOR

In 2011, the first of a five year project for data verification was completed. All told, 400 properties of the 1,996 were inspected to verify the data that was currently on file at the Town Office. As an alternative to hiring an outside firm that might lack familiarity with the Town, the Town Assessor conducted the project. The end result will be that every property in town will have been inspected and verified for data accuracy prior to the mandated 2015 update of values.

In addition to the data verification process we continue to strive to improve the department's efficiency and public relations. The office has multiple options for the public to acquire information regarding all properties in Newton. By visiting our office you are able to obtain an assessment record card aka property record card for any parcel in town either over the counter or by using the public computer. Information that is included on the assessment record card includes property ownership, current assessment, previous and current sales information, acreage, a sketch of the structure, flooring, roof type, and other details relating to the property.

You will also find information on the Town Assessor's page at www.newton-nh.gov, where you will find the criteria to qualify for the elderly, disabled and blind exemptions, and the veteran or veterans' widow credits. For details and application information, contact the Assessing Office at 603-382-4405 ext 14, or by emailing alewy@newtonnh.net.

Currently there are 152 properties that receive a Veteran's Credit totaling \$82,300 in tax dollars, with an additional \$1,378,900 combined for the blind, disabled, and elderly exemptions.

As the Town Assessor, I am committed to ensure that all 1,996 parcels, with a total assessed value of \$467,988,975, are assessed fair and equitable in accordance with New Hampshire laws governing taxation.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that I am in Newton on Wednesdays and my door is always open to welcome anyone with questions, concerns or comments.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea S. Lewy, CNHA
Town Assessor