

TOWN OF NEW ASHFORD TOWN HALL 188 MALLERY ROAD NEW ASHFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01237

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PROPOSED FY 2023 VALUATIONS

Dear New Ashford Property Owner,

FY 2023 represents a "Recertification" year for the Town's real and personal property values. Recertification occurs once every five years and involves a broader analysis of sales data and statistics to ensure the Department of Revenue – Bureau of Local Assessment (DOR-BLA) standard of "full and fair cash value" is applied evenly across all classes of property.

Values were adjusted accordingly and have been submitted to the DOR-BLA for their review and "Preliminary Certification", which is pending. Proposed, uncertified values are available for your review on the Town's website at:

https://www.newashford-ma.us/departments-and-committees/assessor/

Although assessed values will be increasing, it should be noted the tax levy is expected to remain flat or decrease slightly as it has for the past three years. Under these circumstances, taxpayers can expect a decrease in the tax rate from \$10.94 last year to approximately \$9.44 or less for fiscal year 2023.

Public Disclosure dates are September $19^{th} - 23^{rd}$. Valuation questions may be directed to the Board of Assessors by calling 413.458.3500 x 114 or via email at <u>clamarre@williamstownma.gov</u>

Sincerely,

New Ashford Board of Assessors Christopher J. Lamarre, MAA Thomas G. Elder David J. Westall