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NH's BTLA Rules In Moultonborough's Favor

In a six page Order issued on November 8th the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals has brought closure to the Town's 2010 Valuation Update of property values by dismissing a Petition for Reassessment. Ms. Janet Cramer and Mr. Richard Heath had been the lead petitioners on the request originally filed on February 25, 2011 in keeping with a process laid out in RSA 71-B:16.

The original petition had claimed that the 2010 updates "...resulted in unpredictable and unclearly defined assessment...". As a result of the petition, the BTLA assigned a review of the Town's update to its senior review appraiser. The resulting report was concluded with a statement that, "The update was performed and completed in an equitable manner" and "did obtain market value." As a result of this finding and a hearing on the matter on September 26th of this year, the BTLA did conclude that there was "...no basis in the evidence presented to conclude the board should order the Town to perform any reassessment or other remedial action at this time...".

Mr. Joel R. Mudgett, Chairman of the SelectBoard said, "While I regret the amount of time and expense it took to deal with this petition, I am most pleased that this independent state body has seen the merit in the work of our consultant and our staff." He continued to say that "Under the direction of our Assessor Gary Karp I think we will continue to make improvements in our processes and in educating the public on how mass appraisal works to hopefully earn our citizenry's trust on this most complex matter."

A complete copy of the order is available on the Town's website, www.moultonboroughnh.gov, by clicking on Departments and Boards and then clicking on Assessors. [Click here.](#)