

Fiscal Year 2017 Narrative

Department: Assessing

1. What do you want the Selectmen, Finance Committee and public know about what you've done in Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 (to date)?

We were successful in timely setting the Fy2016 tax rate. We are preparing for the Fy2017 Recertification process and will continue with mandated inspections of residences.

2. Please explain any significant changes in your budget for Fiscal Year 2017, including any staff changes (if that impacts your budget).

Nothing significant to report.

3. Is there anything specific or new that you plan to accomplish in Fiscal Year 2017 with the level-services budget you've requested?

Again, the goal would be to complete the DOR's recertification requirements in order to set the tax rate on time.

4. Is there anything you'd like to ADD to your level-services budget for Fiscal Year 2017? If so, describe what it is, what it would cost, and the benefit to the town.

We've requested an increase of approximately \$1,000 in our budget to purchase items relating to outside inspections. Specifically, we intend to purchase (3) neon green vests that are clearly marked with the Town logo for our employees to wear while out on inspections. This is to ensure the public, particularly the elderly, that the purpose for being on their property or their neighbor's property is legitimate and also to make our department more visible to the public. We would also purchase a laser measuring device that would assist in making outside inspections more efficient time wise vs. using a standard tape measure.

Additionally, we anticipate increases in both our assessing software support and mapping services. Finally, we've increased our budget for postage.

5. What are your plans for improvements and projects for the next five years?

None at this time.