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Dedicated to helping you better understand your government

This week's topic: "You increased my assessment without telling me. WHY"?

We've included a portion of a tax bill to try to explain what the "Full Market Value" number means. It is NOT an increase in your assessment and your taxes are NOT based on this number.

The town tries to keep current with market values and uniform % of value is how close your property's assessment is to its' market "value" or what it could sell for. Because the town is assessed at 70% of "value", the assessed value and the full market value figures are different. It just says that your assessment is 70% of your full property value.

TAX MAP # 105.00-1-xx ACRES or DIMENSIONS 1.08 acres

SWIS; 292000 CLASS: 210 SCHOOL: 293201

UNIFORM % OF VALUE: 70

ASSESSED VALUE: 154,400 FULL MARKET VALUE: 220,600

Full Market Value (in this example \$220,600) is a mathematical formula:

Assessed value divided by the uniform % of value: \$154,400 divided by .70 =\$ 220,600

The Full Market Value is for information purposes only and doesn't mean your assessment has been raised without telling you. Anytime your assessment changes, you will be mailed a notice before it happens, giving you enough time to discuss it with the Assessor before it is finalized.