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2014 TAX COMMITMENT

Data is complete for the 2014 tax commitment. After the Town council set the 2014-15 tax rate at 14.67 per thousand, the figures were turned over to the Tax Collector for billing. Bill sent out in August. The total net assessed value for 2014 is

Real Estate	\$ 1,736,193,400
Personal Property	<u>\$ 31,982,300</u>
	\$ 1,768,175,700

This represents an increase of \$20,104,800 over last year, and increase of 1.2 percent in the size of the tax base.

For the fiscal year, the Assessing Office looked at 1768 properties for various reasons, primarily new construction and land changes.

The Maine Property Tax Division conducted their annual audit this Spring and determined an overall assessment ratio (assessed value divided by market value) for 2014 of 97% and a quality rating of 8%, which is considered an excellent rating.

TRAINING

In August, Elisa Trepanier, Joan Hodgdon, and myself attended various assessing courses at the Annual Assessing School in Belfast, which is sponsored by the Maine Department of Revenue.

On August 18, I attended the International Association of Assessing Officers convention in Sacramento and participated in several courses.

GIS

We are finishing the 2014 tax maps and are near completion on the Building Footprint Layer project. Other important projects being worked on are assisting the Planning Department with the Windham Comprehensive Plan and assisting the Public Works Department with stormwater mapping.