

## **Annual Report of the Board of Assessors**

The Board of Assessors reports for 2006 that every effort has been made to keep town records as current and accurate as possible. Residents with questions or concerns regarding their property values are encouraged to contact the Board. This year, changes in residential home prices throughout the area required revaluation adjustments by the town to meet state law requirements. The Board of Assessors also reviewed property changes generated by site visits, building permits, current sales and applications for abatement. As residents saw first hand the market trends of property sales, the Board of Assessors answered a number of questions from people making changes to their property and those contemplating a change in the future.

This year also saw special legislation passed to refund taxpayer's overpayment in Fy2003. Everyone's patience was tested as we waited for the vote and refunds were issued in as timely a manner as possible.

The Board of Assessors began the process of transferring from paper to electronic mapping for all properties in town. This is a joint project with the planning board and will be ongoing in 2007. The initial phase involved scanning the existing maps and piecing them together. Future phases involve cleaning up discrepancies on overlapping maps to accurately depict property boundaries. It is hoped that the town map will become a base map that can be used by multiple departments, committees and groups to share information in a readily compatible format.

After 34 years of dedicated and loyal service, Henry Warner retired from the Board of Assessors. His knowledge of the town and involvement with the board will be missed.

Any resident with questions is urged to contact the Board of Assessors by phone (268-8403) or in person at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise L. Banister*