

At the last selectmen's meeting, on October 22, 2025, the Board voted 3-0 to direct Max to ask the Commissioner of the DRA if Rindge could be allowed to use the 2024 assessing figure until the assessments were remedied. The public also asked to contact State Officials to have this done. I sent out emails that night.

By October 24th State Reps, John Hunt and Jim Qualey had responded and Senator Kevin Avarad invited Max and me to his office to discuss the assessing situation on Tuesday October 28th at 1:00 PM in the Concord Statehouse. Very late on October 27th the final assessment figures were emailed to the town office. The next morning a paper copy was made available for each selectman.

Max and I were joined at the Senator's meeting by Reps. Jim Qualey and John Hunt, Senator Kevin Avarad and the DRA Commissioner Lindsey Stepp. The commissioner explained that the DRA could not give permission to use last year's assessment, citing RSA 75:8-a; the 5-year assessment requirement. She further pointed out the DRA's oversight process (which is in RSA 21-J;11) and explained the abatement process plus date requirements.

Most of the taxpayers' concerns and those of the selectmen were discussed. The Commissioner recommended that a meeting take place with a DRA representative, Avitar, Max and me. She assured that a rep from her office and that Avitar were willing to attend.

A meeting was held on Thursday October 30th at noon in the town office with DRA interim Director Adam Denoncour, Avitar CEO Chad Roberge assessor Monique, Max and me to discuss the processes and methodology used in the assessment. DRA seemed not to have the explanation. Once again, most of the concerns were discussed. Avitar explained that square foot costs were lowered for both "stick-built" and manufactured homes (trailers). Adjustments had been made on lake-front base rates (though no specifics were available) also assessments on views were adjusted, especially where trees had grown to obstruct the views of Mt. Monadnock. It was a bit unclear to me whether view assessments were previously included in land values or broken out separately. It was noted that on

Monday October 27th mailings to all taxpayers that had requested the 20-minute review and to those whose final adjustment had gone up were sent out.

There was clearly a \$75 million decrease in the final total town assessment, and it was confirmed that the town's new total increase had fallen from 96.7% to 89.6%, bringing us much closer to Jaffrey's 85% increase. Most of the taxpayers saw a small decrease in the final figures yet a couple of dozen had seen a small increase. The Selectmen's next step is to approve and sign off the NH MS-1 form (Summary Inventory of Valuation) to be submitted by Max to the DRA via their portal in order for them to set a tax rate. By signing the MS-1 the Selectmen do not necessarily agree with all of the assessments but do agree with the summary in order to begin the tax billing process and therefore the abatement process. After the December tax bills are sent out abatement requests can be made and will be numbered by order of receipt then reviewed by Avitar for their recommendations to then be heard by the BOS, in the order that they were received.