

AUDITORS' REPORT

The role of Auditor is to ensure that all expenditures of taxpayers' monies are accounted for accurately. There are three positions of auditor that are elected at Town Meeting for three-year terms on a staggered basis. Auditors provide an independent means of checking the financial accountability of the Town. We review all income, bills and invoices, payroll, and orders (checks written) for the Town throughout the year. Responsibilities include balancing accounts including the town checkbook, cemetery funds and all other special fund accounts that have a separate checkbook. The Auditors have compiled the accounting summary for the Town Report and provided support for the independent outside audit that took place this year for the FY 20/21.

One unexpected change that affected the office and the Auditors was the absence of Candy Vear as Town Clerk and Treasurer since the fall of 2022. Tracey Morin has been appointed as an Assistant Town Clerk to fill in for Candy and since one can not hold both offices within the town simultaneously, Tracey has resigned as Auditor. That leaves an open position as Auditor for a three (3) year term. The Auditor's usually meet 2 half days a month with additional time in November and December to compile the financial pages of the Town Report that goes to the printer in early January.

Ronald Miller

Tracey Morin (resigned 10/11/22)

Leslie White

EDEN ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessor's office has the responsibility for the appraisal of all real property located within the Town of Eden. This includes all new properties either through subdivisions or through new buildings and any physical changes in existing properties. Records concerning ownership, value and physical description are kept for all properties. Tax maps are kept and revised for the subdivisions created or mergers of land on all parcels.

The principle responsibility of the Assessor's Office is the valuation and assessment of properties and preparation of the Grand List for the Town of Eden and related procedures according to Title 32 and other related Titles and Acts pertaining to assessment and taxation.

The Assessor completed the assessment changes for the real estate properties that were modified during the 2021-2022 tax year. The Town's taxable value increased last year by \$7,003,720. This was largely due to a major Green Mountain Power upgrade, which increased their assessment by \$3,850,470, resulting in the lowest property tax rate in Eden since 2016.

For the 2022 Grand List 90 properties were revalued, including Current Use parcels. After notifying all property owners of their CHANGE OF APPRAISALS, the Assessor's Office received four grievances to the new assessments. All were settled by the Assessor. There were no appeals to the Board of Civil Authority. There are no State or court appeals pending against the 2022 Grand List assessments.

GRAND LIST

Total Grand List = \$150,065,360

Total Exemptions = \$12,103,010

Taxable Grand List \$137,962,350

The Grand List for the 2022 tax year is \$150,065,360. This is an increase of 4.67%. The Grand List value is comprised of residential properties, farms, vacant land, land with outbuildings, commercial/industrial and utility properties.

Russ Beaudoin

Kristi Ehlers (resigned 1/31/23)