

COMMERCIAL REVALUATION – CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

October 2, 2017

- Update on Revaluation Process & Current Tax Rate
- Present Current Tax Base in Historic Context
- Respond to "FAQ's" re: the Commercial Revaluation
- Show Trends in Commercial Revaluation
- Discuss Options

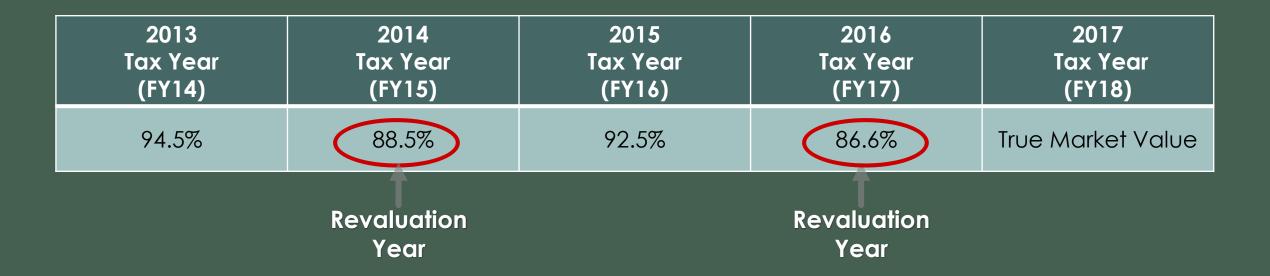
WORK SESSION AGENDA

April 3rd - Assessor Notifies Council of the Need for Revaluation August 21st - City Council Revaluation Update August 29th – 2017 Public Revaluation Forum September 18th – City Council Revaluation Update September 26th – City-Wide Neighborhood Committee Forum October 2nd – City Council Work Session

REVALUATION MEETINGS

New Hampshire Assessing Standard Board Requires: Median Assessment Ratio of 90% - 110%

- This is a **ratio** of the property's **assessed valuation** to its **market value**



WHY ARE WE DOING THIS REVALUATION?

Assessed Property Valuation \div 1,000 x Tax Rate = Property Taxes

Median Single Family Valuation

\$412,700 ÷ \$1,000 x \$15.36 (Estimated) \$6,339

PROPERTY TAX CALCULATOR

TAX YEAR 2016 EQUALIZED TAX RATES

NH COMMUNICATES WITH 20,000+ RESIDENTS

Ranked #37 as having the lowest equalized tax rate out of all 234 taxable communities



Source: NH Department of Revenue

Thus, the City Council now has <u>a chance to explain</u> why residential property owners will shoulder more of the city's budget and many commercial property owners will pay less.

Various city officials...have already taken turns **1** explaining it, but however factual their explanations might be, they're not convincing residents facing higher tax bills.

PORTSMOUTH HERALD EDITORIAL, OCTOBER 1, 2017

Reval shines light on Portsmouth's \$109M budget

PORTSMOUTH'S TAX BASE

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How are taxes distributed across property types?

PORTSMOUTH'S TAX BASE

Please answer my questions about Portsmouth appraisals

First: why is residential property taxed on full current market value and commercial properties taxed only on some percentage of current value??

I have read between 15 percent and 25 percent but do not know the correct percentages, nor how these percentages are determined. Can someone enlighten me?

Second: How is it that when commercial property increases in value, their taxes go down? (See the article in Sunday's paper) When our homes increase in value according to the market, we get a tax increase as well as an increased valuation.

- Q: Are residential and commercial properties taxed at the same rate?
- Q: What are the correct percentages?
- Q: How can taxes paid by commercial properties go down if their values went up?

			Net	% of	Property	%
	Values net of		Value Change	Value	Тах	Property
	Exemptions	Property Taxes	Prior Year	Change	Change from 2016	Tax Change
Residential	3,106,304,150	47,712,832	546,355,686	21.3%	4,091,310	9.4%
Commericial	2,149,778,004	33,020,590	123,446,688	6.1%	(1,508,095)	-4.4%
Utilties	222,362,780	2,941,860	36,938,009	19.9%	229,095	8.4%
	5,478,444,934	83,675,281	706,740,383	14.8%	2,812,310	3.5%

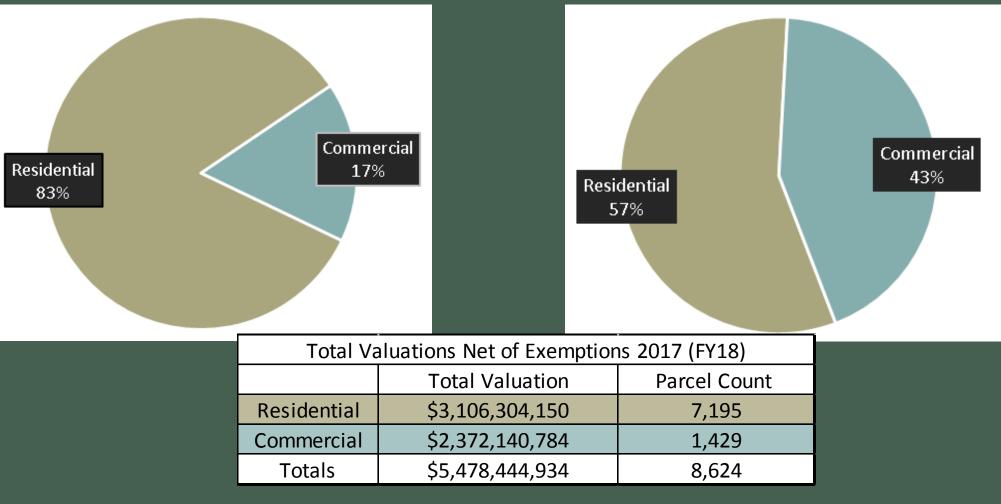
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Tax Year 2015 Revaluation

			Net	% of	Property	%	
	Values net of		Value Change	Value	Тах	Property	
	Exemptions	Property Taxes	Prior Year	Change	Change from 2014	Tax Change	
Residential	2,518,275,864	42,281,851.76	177,951,814	7.6%	(78,014)	-0.2%	
Commericial	2,016,983,163	33,865,147.31	346,542,503	20.7%	3,630,171	12.0%	
Utilties	192,583,616	2,788,610.76	20,979,521	12.2%	116,735	4.4%	
	4,727,842,643	78,935,609.82	545,473,838	13.0%	3,668,893	4.9%	

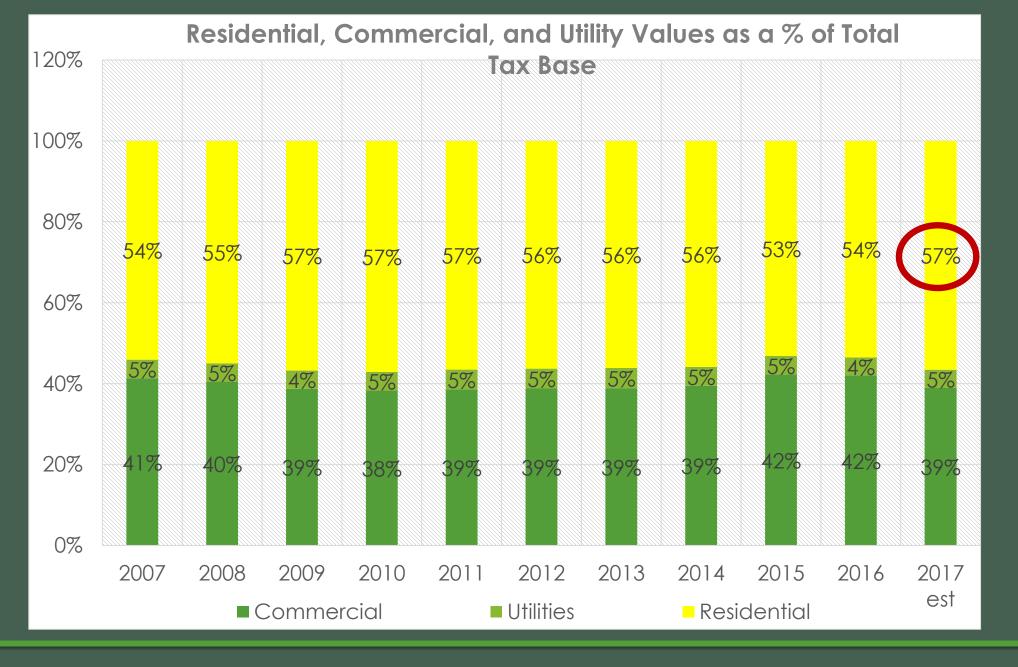
% of Taxable Parcel Count

% of Total Valuation



TAX BASE: RESIDENTIAL VS. COMMERCIAL

TAX BASE 2007-2017



2003 MASTER PLAN

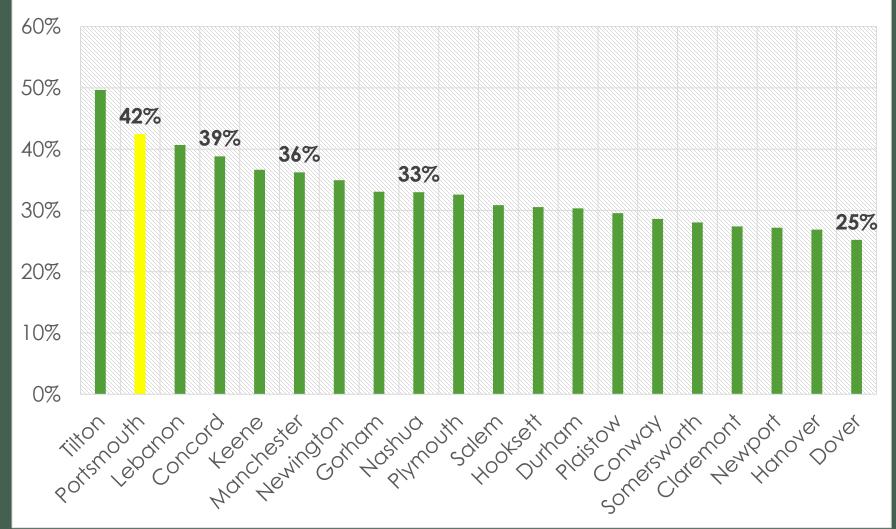
Table 47: Portsmouth's Property Tax Base, FY 2003

Classification	Assessed Value	% of Total							
Residential	\$1,578,574,150	56.2%							
Commercial	\$919,809,600	32.8%							
Industrial	\$269,567,095	9.6%							
Vacant & Agriculture	\$38,877,860	1.4%							
Total	\$2,806,828,705	100.0%							
Source: City of Portsmouth A	Source: City of Portsmouth Assessing database								

PORTSMOUTH'S COMMERCIAL BASE IS...

2ND IN THE STATE FOR ITS % SHARE OF THE CITY'S TOTAL VALUATION

2016 Commercial Properties % of Total Valuation w/Utilities



Source: NH Public Finance Consortium (nhpfc.org)

Q: Why are commercial properties paying less taxes than home owners?

A: They pay the same <u>tax rate</u> at <u>100% of</u> <u>their market value</u>, just as home owners do.



O= Shifting tax base upsets Portsmouth residents

PORTSMOUTH -- Erik Anderson has lived in his house on Georges Terrace for 34 years. "I would like to stay here as long as I physically can. I live in a good neighborhood with good neighbors," Anderson said this week. "But I think amongst them all, every one of them is going to have moments of frustration about how to contend with paying their tax bills." Anderson ... Posted Sep 24 at 3:01 AM

The tax levy is derived by the amount of expenditures less revenues.

The tax rate is based on value of all taxable properties within the City.

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	Total Valuation	Parcel Count
Residential	\$3,106,304,150	7,195
Commercial	\$2,372,140,784	1,429
Totals	\$5,478,444,934	8,624

Total Valuations Not of Examplians 2017 (EV18)

Q: "I don't quite understand the need for such high tax increases when our city's budget is only increasing by approximately 3 percent."

A:

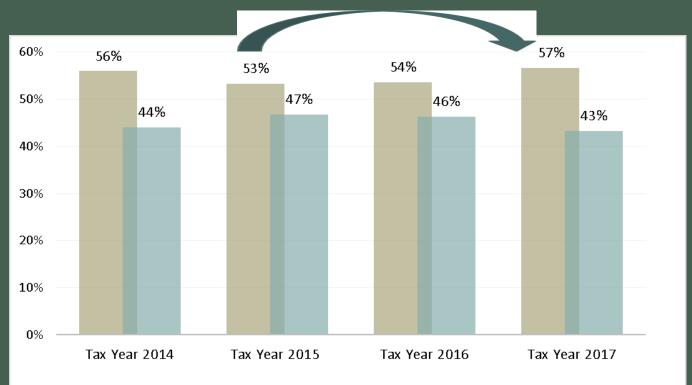
- The City's FY18 budget actually increased by 1.85% overall.
- The tax levy increased by $\sim 3\%$ due one time uses of revenue in the prior fiscal year.
- This is not a simple calculation. It is based on a combination of:
 - The increase in tax levy,
 - The revaluation, and
 - A resulting redistribution of value.

Q: How is it possible that commercial values have increased but the taxes they pay are going down?

A: Commercial market values did increase but the market for residential properties increased more.

The overall increase in values caused the tax rate to decline.

If commercial and residential market values increased at the same rate the balance would be the same with little to no tax difference from the prior year.



Q: How is all this development (hotels!) helping us? They cost more than they are worth!

A: From a quantitative view: studies show that commercial development more than "pays for itself."

"it's not what many residents, particularly those on fixed incomes, want to hear. It offers little comfort and the frustration remains."

	New	Hampsh	ire Cost of	Comm	unity Servi	ces Studies	18
					Municipal C	ost per \$1.00 o	f Revenue
		Date of		Open			Open
	Municipality	Study	Population	Space	Residential	Commercial	Space
	Windham	2010	13,257	5%	\$1.05	\$0.28	\$0.57
	Alton	1999	3,500	55%	\$0.92	\$ 0.54	\$0.52
	Brentwood	2002	3,197	54%	\$1.17	\$0.24	\$0.83
	Deerfield	1994	3,200	52%	\$1.15	\$0.22	\$0.35
	Dover	1993	25,000	35%	\$1.15	\$0.63	\$0.94
	Exeter	1997	13,000	25%	\$1.07	\$0.40	\$0.82
	Fremont	1994	2,700	64%	\$1.04	\$0.94	\$0.36
	Groton	1997	339	71%	\$1.01	\$0.12	\$0.79
	Hooksett	2008	13,279	61%	\$1.16	\$0.43	\$0.55
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	Average		6653	49%	\$1.10	\$0.38	\$0.52

The main findings of our analysis are the following. We find clear support for the common perception that residential land uses tend to have ratios greater than one, while commercial/industrial and agricultural/open-space land uses tend to have ratios less than one.

Q: The Hilton sold for \$44 million and is only assessed at \$19 million – isn't that proof that our commercial values are incorrect?

A: The Hilton sale price includes other factors besides real estate value.

The sale price for the real estate was \$19,400,000 per filing at the Registry of Deeds. Portsmouth NH – 131 rms -\$19,400,500

Manchester Dwtn 126 rms -\$12,392,000

Portland Maine – 120 rms \$10,717,000



Hilton sale price raises questions about revaluation

Posted Sep 24, 2017 at 4:35 PM Updated Sep 24, 2017 at 4:35 PM

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Sept. 24 -- To the Editor:

Those who question the recent revaluation of commercial properties do not have to look hard to support their arguments. Last week it was

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After Recording Return to: Chatham Lodging Trust 222 Lakeview Avenue, Suite 200 West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 Attn: Eric Kenton

MARKET TRENDS

Why did Commercial Only Increase by 6%? How is this "Apples to Apples" w/Residential? What can we learn from observed trends?

Q: How do we know that Mr. Traub's assessment reflects the <u>Portsmouth Commercial</u> <u>Market</u>. What is the source of his data? How were his factors derived? There seems to be a disconnect...

A: The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Manual cites its sources.

This Manual is available on the City's Website, at the Library and the Assessors Office.



SOURCE:

http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/assessors/2017/20 17USPAP-COM/CommercialRealEstateBrokersReports.pdf

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bmarket	Total Sq. Ft.	(Sq. Ft.)	(%)	Rent (NNN)		
herst	267,263	2,400	0.9	9.75		
burn	60,600	8,256	13.6	8.60		
dford	1,898,427	205,362	10.8	13.50		
W	79,155	25,000	31.6	9.00		
ncord	2,442,191	295,771	12.1	13.50		
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reenland	70,947	3,200	4.5	11.50		
ompton	444,926	35,457	8.0	12.00		
ewington	128,196	33,176	25.9	16.00		
ewmorket	40,064	800	2.0	8.00		
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ortsmouth	2,142,625	93,107	4.3	18.00		
ochester	582,419	166,545	28.6	7.50		
eabrook	76,149	0	0.0	9.00		
omersworth	213,370	14,400	6.7	8.50		
trathom	393,818	80,000	20.3	11.00		
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Source: Portsmouth Resident David Hudlin Communication to Council, 9/25/18

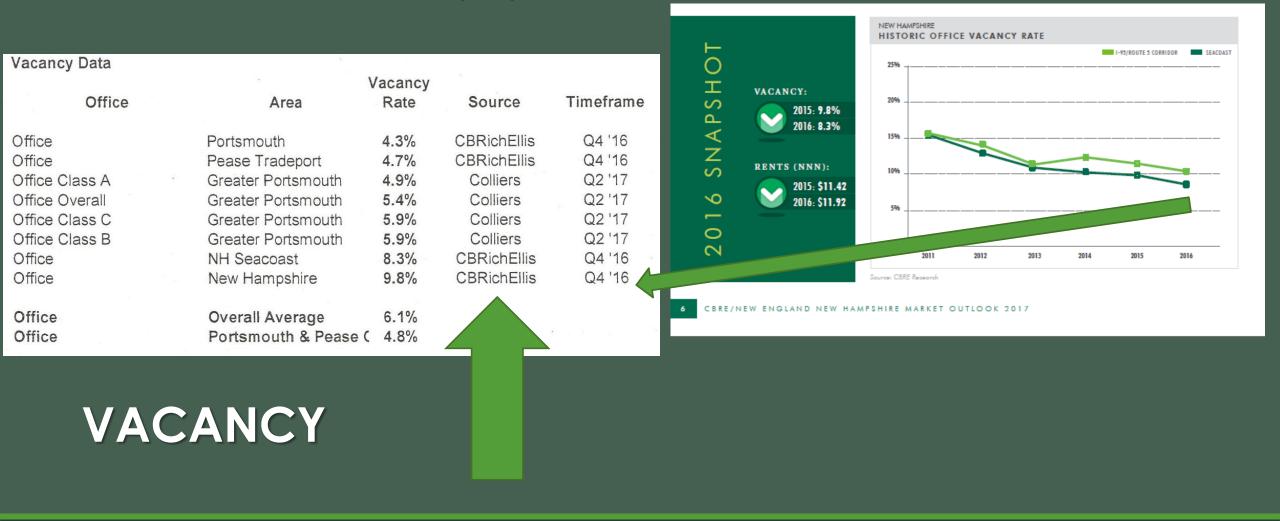
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DOES THE DATA ALIGN? HOW?????

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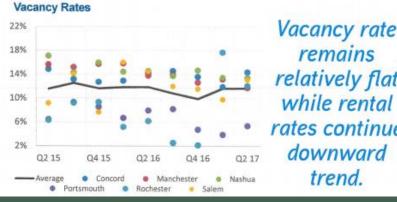
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TOTAL	17,352,028	1,911,146	11.01	15,440,882	88.99	2,318,573	13.36	2,177,990	12.55	129,620	0.75	\$14.45
Salem				1,098,210					State of the second			\$15.89
Rochester	637,269	76,994	12.08	560,275	87.92	42,880	6.73	42,880	6.73	0	0.00	\$10.31



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Asking Rental Rates (S/SF/Yr Full Gross)

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RENTS/S.F.

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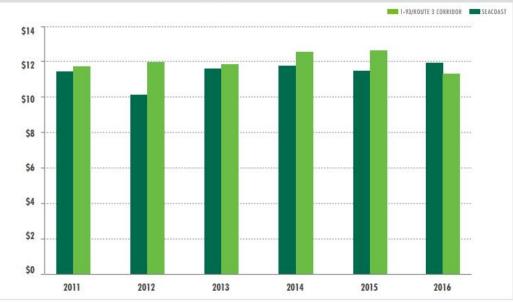
PORTSMOUTH/PEASE VS. THE REST OF THE MARKET

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Seacoast. Following are a few facts that emphasize the Portsmouth/ Pease market's impact on the overall Seacoast market:

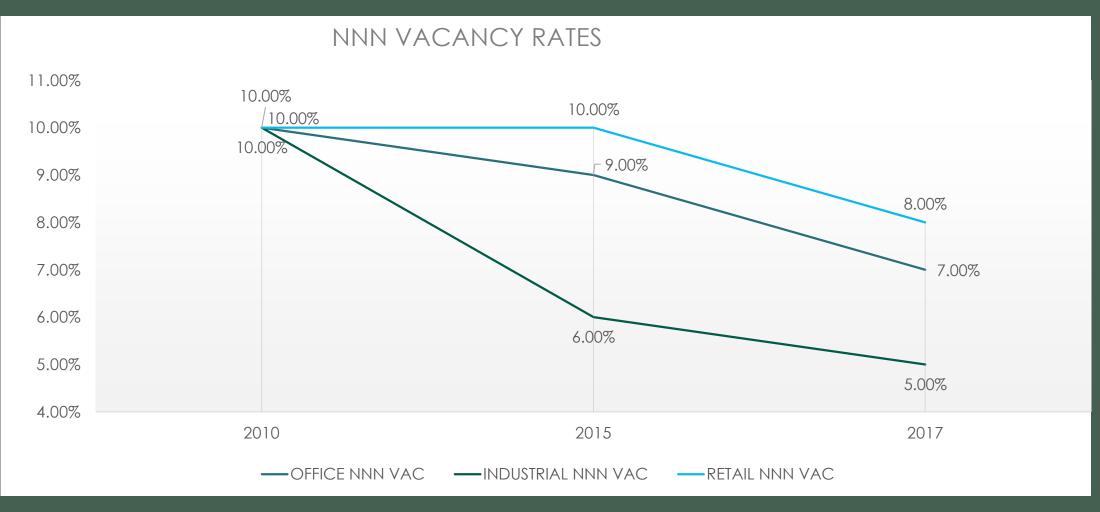
- Portsmouth/Pease comprises 48% of the total Seacoast Office market
- Average asking lease rates in Portsmouth/Pease are \$5.00 per
- Higher rents should spur new construction in Portsmouth/Pease





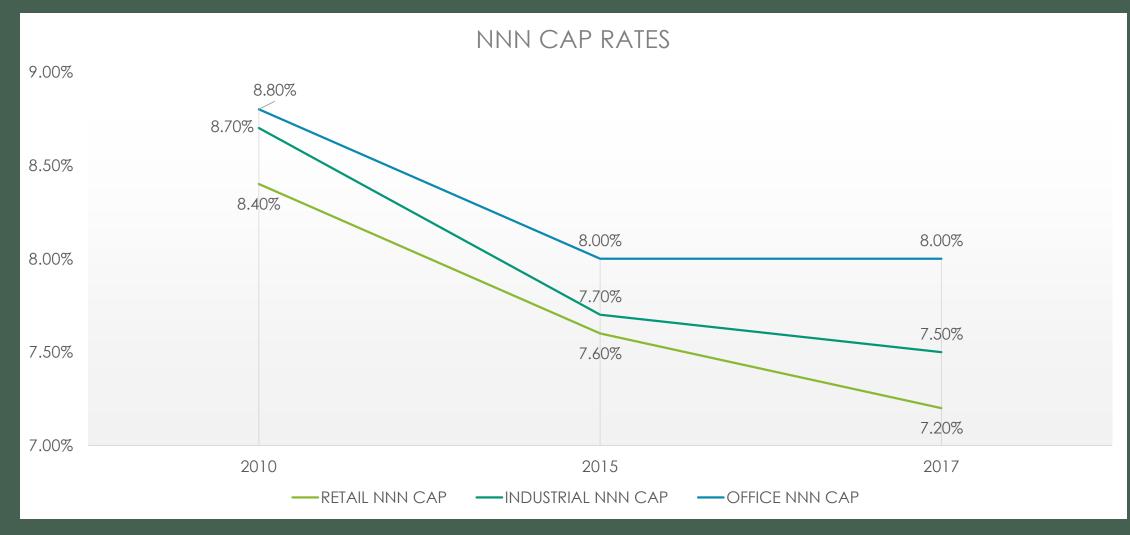
HISTORIC OFFICE AVERAGE ASKING RENT (NNN)

VACANCY RATE TRENDS



Source Data- PW Coopers 1Q-'17 Realtyrates Q1-2017, CBRE End 2016, Net Lease Advisor Class A&B, Other

CAP RATE TRENDS



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LAND VALUE TRENDS

ONE ACRE LAND VALUE TRENDS BY NBHD/TYPE

		One	e Acre Asses	sed Land Value	e Tre	ends by NH	IBD/TYPE	
NHBHD	Location/NHBD		2010	2015	2017		2010-15 % Change	2015-17 % Change
305	Downtown 4+ Story Hotel	\$	2,000,000	\$2,100,000	\$2	,310,000	5%	10%
305	Downtown Waterfront / 305	\$	1,700,000	\$1,785,000	\$1	,955,000	5%	10%
305	Downtown Market Square / 305	\$	1,250,000	\$1,575,000	\$1	,725,000	26%	10%
305	Downtown Low Rise / 305	\$	1,000,000	\$1,050,000	\$1	,150,000	5%	10%
	Avg Non-Downtown 60 Unit Motel	\$	900,000	\$1,020,000	\$1	,020,000	13%	0%
303	Woodbury Retail / 303	\$	930,000	\$ 930,000	\$1	,000,000	0%	8%
302	Islington / 302	\$	444,000	\$ 480,000	\$	576,000	8%	20%
	Avg Apt Land w 12 Units	\$	460,800	\$ 508,800	\$	556,800	10%	9%
304	DT Peripheral /304	\$	480,000	\$ 480,000	\$	530,000	0%	10%
302	Lafayette /302	\$	370,000	\$ 400,000	\$	480,000	8%	20%
301	Industrial/2ndry Commercial / 301	\$	200,000	\$ 220,000	\$	260,000	10%	18%
306	Tertiary Commercial / 306	\$	200,000	\$ 200,000	\$	220,000	0%	10%
Average	2	\$	827,900	\$ 895,733	\$	981,900	8%	10%
Note:								
1/2 Acre a	at 70% of an acre							
-	at 50% of an acre							
1/8 acre (5,445 SF) at 35% of an acre							

WHAT OPTIONS DO WE HAVE?

Q: We are frustrated! What can we do to change things?

A: Petition the NH Legislators:

- I) Enable the City to get its fair share of Rooms and Meals tax
- 2) Consider a Homestead Exemption
- 3) Give Assessors the same income and expense information that commercial appraisers have
- 4) Consider other ways to generate revenue in addition to local property taxes

An Overview of Property Income and Expense Information and its Impact on Property Assessments

ASB Subcommittee Report

Executive Summary

With property tax rates creeping upwards and increased scrutiny on municipal budgets throughout the state, it is critical to explore all possible efficiencies in government management. Tightening budgets and effective stewardship can be enhanced with careful consideration of existing systems currently in place. What stakeholder roles can be reconsidered? What regulation can be revisited? What changes can be implemented to enhance those efficiencies necessary to effect beneficial changes? The focus of this paper is to inform and educate the reader on one area of the property tax system which may benefit from a more intensive examination. Why this issue is Important

FAIR AND EQUITABLE:

RSA 21-J:14-b charges the Assessing Standards Board with the establishment of standards for revaluations based on the most recent edition of The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Standard 6: Mass Appraisal, Development and Reporting. USPAP Standard 6 requires that "In developing a mass appraisal, an appraiser must be aware of, understand, and correctly employ those recognized methods and techniques necessary to produce and communicate credible mass appraisals." This paper explores what practices and procedures are necessary for assessors to comply with statute, how best to produce credible results in the most efficient

- Q: "Regardless of whether City officials can calmly explain the revaluation follows legal mandates and can point to an experienced commercial revaluation consultant, it is nonetheless looking like a broken and unfair system."
- ► A: Petition the NH Legislators!
 - Consider other ways to generate revenue in addition to local property taxes!

Civic patience taxed

By Karen Dandurant Posted Sep 21, 2002 at 2:00 AM Updated Dec 17. 2010 at 12:56 AM

for," Hudlin said. "I am just frustrated with it. My challenge to the city

is this: We are required to generate so much revenue to cover our budget. I would like to think we had some control over how to disperse the tax burden. I don't know how, but there ought to be a way."

He added, "The only fair tax is a broad-based tax, based on ability to pay taxes. I know that isn't about to happen here, but there must be a way to incorporate some other factors in. That's what they get paid to do." Q: Can We Simply Use the Valuation Prior to the Revaluation and Raise the Tax Rate Accordingly?

A: No.

DRA has advised us that this is neither recommended nor "technically achievable," and taxes would increase disproportionately to market value.

We would knowingly be presenting values that are disproportional to each other. Appeals would increase, and that is clear from 2016 abatements.

Q: Should we do an Audit of Commercial Values?

A: No. For several reasons:

- The revaluation is monitored and overseen by the Department of Revenue. We await their review
- We have an experienced Assessor who also reviews the revaluation
- We have not seen any evidence that the values are not representative of market value, despite the frustration of taxpayers
- It would be timely and expensive



Real Estate

The Income Method of Real Estate Appraisal and Valuation

Understanding the Numbers

Updated August 22, 2017

This Method Is Used for Income Properties

If a property's use is to be to generate income from rents or leases, the income <u>method of</u> <u>appraisal</u> or valuation is most commonly used. The <u>net income</u> generated by the property is used in conjunction with certain factors to calculate its value on the current market if sold. **Income Approach** — **Income and Expense and Vacancy Data:** As previously described, the "Income Approach" is based upon the principle of "anticipation" which recognizes that value is created by the owner's expectation of future benefits. Typically, these benefits are anticipated in the form of income, and/or in the anticipated increase in the property's value over time. Therefore, a primary consideration is the relative level of anticipated income and expenses a property is likely to achieve, and "base" rates for both income and expenses must be established. Consequently, research was undertaken in order to identify the appropriate "base" levels of income and expenses for each commercial property "use" type, such as apartments office retail industrial etc

THE INCOME APPROACH TO VALUE

INCOME APPROACH TO VALUE

	Income Approach to Value							
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	Industrial Property		Units/SF		Rent/	25		Total
Potentia	l Gross Income		53,874	x	\$	6.06	=	\$ 326,476
	Vacancy Allowance	5%						\$ (16,324)
Effective	e Gross Income							\$ 310,153
	Expense Ratio	11%						\$ (34,117)
Net Inco	me							\$ 276,036
Divided	by The Cap Rate						÷	7.50%
Indicate	d Income Value (rounded)							\$ 3,680,000

COST APPROACH TO VALUE

	Cost Approach to Value						
			Size/SF	Adj Price per SF			Total
Land Value			204,732	\$	4.7755	\$	977,700
Building	Value						
	Building Replacement Cost New (RCN)			\$	3,177,500		
	Depreciation (Age 1995 Condition Avg.)	-18%		\$	(572,000)		
	RCN Less Depreciation			\$	2,605,500	\$	2,605,500
	Paving					\$	31,500
Indicate	d Cost Value					Ş	3,614,700

SALES APPROACH TO VALUE

Comparable	e Sales Approach				
				Total	
Units/SF				53,874	(a)
Actual Sale Price per SF		Ş	64.50	(b)	
Actual Sale Price 10/24/16			Ş	3,475,000	(a x b)
Final Asses	ed Value		Ş	3,614,700	
Assessment to Sale Ratio				1.04%	
Previous Assessed Value			\$	2 276 400 00	
284-2		\$	3,376,400.00		

CHANGE IN EQUALIZED VALUATION

