

Town Manager's Report

February 13, 2016

Reappraisal Update

Progress Report – February 7th, 2017

NEMC is close to finishing the fourth batch of data collection for the 2018 Reappraisal. A total of 35% of parcels have received mailing notification in regards to data collection. We are roughly looking at a 50-60% preliminary entry rate in this first pass. We will look to increase entry rates with inspection mailers that will be sent out later this summer. Our anticipated completion time for the field inspection phase of this project is early next year.

90% of the Microsolve data records have been converted to AssessPro. There are now parcel shells for virtually all of the properties in town. This has allowed the office clerk to continue entering new data already collected for the 2018 Reappraisal. Only measured and inspected parcels are being entered at this time.

Data collection also began with commercial properties in town. Although primarily valued from an income and expense approach, it is important to ensure good data. So far, businesses have been relatively receptive to the reappraisal process.

The community continues to be relatively cooperative and pleasant. We have run in to very few issues when it comes to disgruntled individuals, or unsafe environments. We will continue to check in with Springfield Police as to our daily whereabouts.

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have or forward questions to us.

Respectfully submitted, Matthew Krajeski, New England Municipal Consultants

188 Wall Demolition

The asbestos removal is complete on this building and it is scheduled for demolition on February 20 or shortly thereafter.

Blighted Building Ordinance, Vacant Building Ordinance and Outdoor Storage of Materials Enforcement Update

During the last two months there have been approximately 20 notices of violation issued related to the Outdoor Storage of Materials Section of the Zoning Regulations. The response has been very positive with most properties cleaning up and those that are not complete have been communicating with the Administrative Officer and providing a timeframe for completion. Not all properties have responded and those will be forwarded to the Superior Court.

School Blight ordinance---after looking at all the buildings within the school zones designated by this ordinance, four properties were cited and all four have come into compliance with one building still having small areas of unpainted siding. That owner has promised to paint those areas come spring. If they don't paint as promised we will ticket them. Interesting to note that other properties

in the vicinity of the ones given notice of violation have made improvements without provocation from the Town.

Vacant Building Ordinance---staff has identified five vacant buildings that will be addressed by this ordinance. One building is in the process of being transferred to a new owner and will be demolished. The others will be addressed after Town Meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer--- Presuming the budget passes at Town Meeting we will hire a Code Enforcement Officer shortly thereafter to do the work required. There is still \$5,000 in this year's budget for the position and with the \$12,000 in next year's budget the position will be adequately funded to offer pay commensurate with the skills needed for the position. That is why we are waiting until after Town Meeting to begin Vacant Building Ordinance enforcement.

Enforcement Occurring via Legal Means----This can be done in executive session or Board members can read the handout provided.