

An educational meeting will be held concerning the 2014 Assessment Revaluation for the Town of Albany on November 19, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. The meeting will be presented by the Town Assessor, Gardiner Appraisal Service, LLC. There will be a presentation explaining the revaluation process followed by a question and answer session.

A revaluation of property within the Town of Albany is scheduled to be completed for the 2014 assessment year. Revaluations are necessary periodically for the following reasons: (1) inequities may exist within classes of property; (2) inequities may exist between classes of property; (3) all properties are viewed for any changes, such as finishing a basement or removing a shed; (4) a municipality must be at 100% of market value at least once in a four year period to stay within state compliance laws.

Employees of Gardiner Appraisal Service will be stopping by during the day to measure and view the exterior of all buildings within the Town. All employees will have a picture ID that will identify them as an employee of Gardiner Appraisal Service, LLC. If someone is home, Gardiner Appraisal Service employees may request permission to view the interior. If it is not a convenient time or if no one is home, Gardiner Appraisal Service will mail a postcard for an evening appointment at a later date. The appointments are scheduled by neighborhoods or specific areas. The appointments are tightly scheduled, so it is important that you be there at the appointed time. This is the most efficient and cost effective way. If you are not available, you may designate someone else to be present during the appointment. If you are unable to keep that appointment, another daytime appointment will be sent to you via certified mail. This is to officially notify you, as required by law, that you will lose your appeal rights if the assessors are not allowed to view the interior of the house. If you are unable to make any of the scheduled appointments, call Gardiner Appraisal Service to see if another time is available. It will take several months to complete all of the appointments.

If you have any questions concerning this process, contact the Town Clerk, Bonnie Zee, at 608-558-8853 or Gardiner Appraisal Service at 608-838-3993.