# 2018-2027 TOWN COUNCIL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

	Description	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
16	Business Department										
17	Statistical Update - Assessing	69,000									
18	Municipal Software Package		300,000								
	BUSINESS TOTALS	69,000	300,000	-	-			_		-	

#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

PROJECT YEAR	2018	PROJECT COST	\$69,000
DESCRIPTION	Statistical Update	DEPARTMENT	Assessing

## IMPETUS FOR PROJECT (IE. MANDATED, COUNCIL GOAL, DEPT INITIATIVE, ETC.)

"Full statistical revaluation" means the process of a revaluation of all taxable and nontaxable properties in a municipality, using existing property data, to arrive at full and true value as of April 1. The term includes "statistical update" and "statistical reassessment." Properties must be "valued anew" every 5 years per NH Constitution. The last statistical update was completed in 2013.

## **DESCRIPTION (TO INCLUDE JUSTIFICATION)**

Update Commercial Assessments - Property Valuation Advisors, Steve Traub, ASA - estimate = \$28,200

Update Residential Assessments (contractor to be determined) - estimate = \$40,500

Update University Properties - In House by Assessor

There are five major phases to a municipal statistical revaluation: Data Collection, Market Analysis, Valuation, Field Review, and Informal Hearings. During these phases many tasks will be implemented in order to successfully complete the revaluation.

#### PHASE 1: DATA COLLECTION

During this phase "Data Collectors" go to each property that sold between April 1, 2016 and April 1, 2018 and physically inspect the interior and measure the exterior of each building. These Data Collectors note the buildings' location, size, age, quality of construction, improvements, topography, utilities, zoning restrictions, if any, and numerous other characteristics both inside and out. They may also ask the homeowner a few questions regarding the sale. To confirm that a home was inspected, the homeowner is asked to sign a data collection form to verify that the inspection took place. The entire process takes about 15 minutes for most properties. The data collected is subject to verification by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and a Supervisor from each appraisal company.

Also, income and expense questionnaires will be sent to all commercial and utility properties requesting data to assist in valuing each property utilizing the Income Approach method of valuation. Representatives from each company will carry Picture IDs, Municipal Letters of Introduction, and have their vehicles listed with both the Assessor's Office and Police Department.

#### PHASE 2: MARKET ANALYSIS

A variety of resources are used to analyze the real estate market. While the physical data is being collected by the Data Collectors, Appraisal Personnel will be analyzing property sales that took place over the last two years to determine which market factors influenced property values. The appraisal companies will gather and use information from The Registry of Deeds, property managers, developers, and local real estate professionals. Once all the data is collected and reviewed for accuracy, the appraiser will determine land values and delineate neighborhoods as determined by actual market activity.

#### PHASE 3: VALUATION

Valuation is done using one of the three recognized appraisal methods: Cost Approach, Income Approach and Sales Comparable Approach.

During this phase, individual characteristics of the building are analyzed using information gathered in both phases 1 and 2. Each property is compared to other comparable properties with similar characteristics. Then the market values of the improvements are added to the land value that was previously determined. This value is the final estimate for each parcel of property, building and land.

#### PHASE 4: FIELD REVIEW

Field Review is the method of checking and re-checking both the values that have been determined and the data that has been collected. During this review, properties are viewed in the field by experienced appraisers who double-check uniformity and accuracy of information.

#### PHASE 5: INFORMAL HEARINGS

Once the Field Review is completed, a notice indicating the revised assessment will be mailed to each property owner. At that time anyone with questions concerning the revaluation process or about the data collected on their property will have an opportunity to meet with a staff member to discuss their property's value.

After all five phases are completed, all data, files, records, etc. used in the revaluation will be turned over to the Assessor's Office for retention.

### FUTURE YEARS - 5-YEAR CYCLICAL UPDATE

Beginning in 2019, Durham will undergo a 5-year Cyclical Update. Between 2019 and 2022, 25% of all of the properties will be measured and listed (exterior measurements and interior inspections) each year for data accuracy. In 2023, all property assessments will be updated to reflect market value as of April 1, 2023.

ESTIMATED COSTS:	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$	69,000
FINANCING	OPERATING BUDGET	\$	69,000
	UNH - CASH	\$	-
	BOND - TOWN PORTION	\$ <sup>.</sup>	-
	UNH PORTION	\$	-
	FEDERAL/STATE GRANT	\$.	-
	CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$	<u> </u>
	TOTAL COSTS	\$	69,000

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

PROJECT YEAR	2019	PROJECT COST	\$300,000
DESCRIPTION	Municipal Software Package	DEPARTMENT	Business/IT

IMPETUS FOR PROJECT (IE. MANDATED, COUNCIL GOAL, DEPT INITIATIVE, ETC.)

Department Initiative

## **DESCRIPTION (TO INCLUDE JUSTIFICATION)**

Our current software package which is used for managing finance, accounts receivable, accounts payable, budgeting, payroll, purchase orders, building permits, water and sewer management, property tax management, fixed assets, cash receipting and general ledger was installed in 2006 and is approaching the 10 year mark. We know in talking with the developer that they are no longer supporting or adding new features and only fixing "bugs" at this point with our support dollars. A feature we are looking to add with new software would be the ability to interface with the current Police, Fire and Town Clerk software. We are also looking at the possibility of moving to a cloud based solution and possibly a subscription based model.

\*NOTE: This cost may increase as we are looking at software packages that may incorporate other departmental needs, as well as the financial aspect. A group has been established to look at options.

ESTIMATED COSTS:	PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION	\$ 300,000	
	TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 300,000	· 
FINANCING	OPERATING BUDGET	\$ -	
	UNH - CASH	\$ -	
	BOND - TOWN PORTION	\$ 300,000	
	UNH PORTION	\$ 	
	FEDERAL/STATE GRANT	\$ -	
	CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$ · <u>-</u>	
	TOTAL FINANCING COSTS	\$ 300,000	
IF BONDED:	NUMBER OF YEARS	7	
	TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$ 300,000	
	TOTAL INTEREST	\$ 26,000	
	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$ 326,000	

