PRESS RELEASE

The Town of Somers has completed the revaluation of all real estate parcels for the October 1, 2009 grand list as required by Connecticut state law. Vision Appraisal Technology assisted the Assessor with this process during much of 2009. The Town of Somers will be using new Vision Appraisal Technology software in town hall and that software will also be available on the internet. The last revaluation was done by Prophecy One on October 1, 2004. The next required revaluation will be a full inspection process and done for the October 1, 2014 grand list.

Property owners will receive a notice of assessment change this week. Representatives of Vision Appraisal Technology will hold informal hearings at the Somers Town Hall at 600 Main Street over the next two weeks for anyone desiring to discuss individual property assessments. Any property owner wishing to schedule a hearing with a representative of the company should call Vision at 1-888-844-4300 for an appointment.

The new assessments will be used by the Selectmen and Board of Finance this spring in the development of the tax levy for the budget. As a result of the revaluation a new mill rate may be set for tax bills that will be due in July 2010. You are encouraged not to apply the current mill rate to your new real estate assessment.

All property owners are urged to become familiar with the change to their respective assessments and the process. You may review your new assessment on the Vision Appraisal Technology web site @www.visionappraisal.com. Records may also be reviewed by visiting or calling the Somers Assessor's office.