

# **TOWN OF LUNENBURG SELECT BOARD**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **PRESS RELEASE-JANUARY 24, 2023 TAX ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION**

On January 17, 2023, the Lunenburg Select Board voted to initiate an investigation as authorized by Section 3-2(e) of the Lunenburg Town Charter into the process that contributed to the FY23 property valuation and tax assessments. Over the last week, the investigative team, comprised of Chairman Michael-Ray Jeffreys, Vice-Chairman Tom Alonzo, and Town Manager Heather Lemieux, finalized an investigative framework and will be publishing a Request for Proposals to solicit independent tax assessors and analysts to assist with an independent review and investigation.

The Chairman of the Select Board and Town Manager have also worked with the members of the Board of Assessors and the Assessor's office to identify support required to process a significant amount of abatements, and a solicitation for services will be published this week.

The Select Board and Town Manager will continue to work with personnel from the Department of Revenue and external partners to expeditiously look into concerns identified by residents, as part of the investigation. The investigation seeks to answer a variety of core questions and will focus on establishing a timeline and identifying facts, supported by evidence. The Select Board will provide regular updates to the public, twice a month, on the investigative process and will provide its next update on February 7, 2023.