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## **Board of Assessors Receives 56 Abatement Applications**

CONCORD, MA— The annual real estate and personal property tax abatement period ended on February 1, 2016. The Board of Assessors received only 56 applications from 6,607 bills sent. less than 1% of all taxpayers.

A member of the Assessing staff will be contacting applicants shortly to set up a time for an inspection of the property. After the inspection, the application will be scheduled for a hearing conducted by the Board of Assessors. Prior to the hearing date, the Board will have studied the application and any additional information provided by the applicant. Also, the Board members will have reviewed the analysis of the Town Assessor and any additional information resulting from the property inspection report. At the hearing, which is open to the general public, the owner of the property is given the opportunity to present reasons for a reduction in value. The Board generally makes a decision on the application at the hearing or shortly thereafter. The applicant is then given formal written notification of the decision and has the legal option to make an appeal to the state Appellate Tax Board.

If any applicant or interested citizen has any questions about the process, please feel free to contact the Town Assessor, [assessing@concordma.gov](mailto:assessing@concordma.gov).

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