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Mayor Leng Launches Transparency Initiative

HAMDEN – Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is pleased to announce that the Town of Hamden has launched a new transparency effort to provide residents with extensive information regarding potential changes in their property value resulting from the 2015 revaluation. The initiative will illustrate the change in annual taxes from FY16 to FY17, and identify how their tax dollars are allocated within Hamden’s municipal government. Residents receiving their tax bills via mail will receive a separate letter containing this information. Additionally, the insert will provide residents with a comparison of their previously assessed property values and their newly assessed value (based on the State mandated 2015 revaluation). The letter was developed in collaboration with the Mayor’s Office, the Tax Collector’s Office, and the Assessor’s Office.

While the letter itself offers an easy to comprehend breakdown of how your taxes are spent, Hamden is also offering residents the ability to download a customized more detailed spreadsheet from www.hamden.com. The letter includes a link to the downloadable spreadsheet, which allows residents to “plug-in” their newly assessed property value to view a more detailed description of the various departments, programs, and services their tax dollars fund.

Commenting on Hamden’s efforts to increase its financial transparency, Mayor Leng said, “Hamden residents deserve to know where their tax dollars are spent and the opportunity to see a crystal clear picture of their property values and tax changes from last year to this one. The 2015 state mandated revaluation impacted many people, especially Hamden residents, and I feel it is necessary for our residents to have access to as much information as possible in regards to the manner in which their hard earned tax dollars are spent.”

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