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**DATA COLLECTION PROJECT TO START IN STONEHAM**

In compliance with the Department of Revenue, Bureau of Local Assessment, the Board of Assessors in the Town of Stoneham will be starting a verification of the accuracy of all data associated with the taxable real estate. A complete data verification program requires on-site checking of the exterior measurements all buildings and appurtenant structures in the Town and an interior inspection of the buildings when possible. Verification of the accuracy of the taxable property base is required by the Bureau of Local Assessment and must be completed every nine years. The last time this process was conducted was in 2008. The Town of Stoneham has contracted with the professional appraisal firm of Patriot Properties, Inc. to assist with this task. The Patriot Properties data collectors are experienced full time employees and will be carrying proper identification. They are not involved in the valuation process and will not be able to answer specific questions about how changes to the property data base will affect the value of the property. The interior inspection process takes only a few minutes, and is necessary in order to determine the fair market value of each property and to create equitable assessments throughout the Town. The data verification program will be getting underway next week and continue through the end of 1/31/2017. Updates will appear periodically in the Town of Stoneham website with information as to how the project is progressing. Reading, Wakefield, Burlington, Lynn, Lynnfield and approximately 135 other communities in Massachusetts have contracted with Patriot Properties in the past to provide similar services.

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the process, please contact the Assessors Office.

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