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*This week's question: **"How Come I Still Didn't Get What I Asked For?"***

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You will soon receive the results of your meeting with the Board of Assessment Review. If you receive a reduction, that value will be the final 2012 assessment. Your 2012 school tax in September and the 2012 town/county tax in February will be based on this assessment. The points you made were determined to have an impact on the market value of your property.

If you receive a reduction, but it was not as much as you had requested, then the Board felt that maybe only some of your points were valid or perhaps not to the full extent you requested.

For those who did not receive a reduction from the Board, it may seem that no one is listening or understanding your concerns. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!**

By now you may have mentioned your concerns possibly twice : once with the Assessor informally and again with the Board of Assessment Review. Neither one has resulted in the value you believe to be correct. Reasons for this may be:

1. No supporting information like other sale prices, pictures, estimates for repairs, etc. were provided
2. The issue(s) you mentioned may have been determined to not have an impact on the market value.
3. The issue(s) may have already been accounted for in the value
4. The appraisal that was submitted was not useable for assessment purposes (sales were from other towns or not the same type of home)

But, there is still one more step if you are determined that your assessment is unfair – a hearing with the Small Claims for Assessment Review (SCAR) officer. Instructions will be included with the Board of Assessment Review decision.

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