

Putnam Blodgett
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Gabrielle:

After reading and understanding what this is all about, my comment would be, if you want it:

No one is enthusiastic about paying more in fees or taxes, with the exception of Warren Buffet. BUT, from my own personal situation, from the situations of others that I know, and from testimony before the Senate panel's four hearings around the state, CURRENT USE IS CRUCIAL TO MAINTAINING VERMONT'S WORKING LANDSCAPE. Therefore, to sustain the viability of the Use Value Assessment Program, I think most of us would be in favor of helping to meet the expenses incurred.

Put Blodgett, Landowner and Current Use participant since its inception in tax year 1980.

On Jan 22, 2014, at 7:46 AM, Gabrielle Malina wrote:

Hello Put,

Thanks for taking the time during a very busy part of your life to call me this morning. Below is the language on the proposed current use filing fee from this year's fee bill. I think that Darby will come in this morning to give a comment on the proposed fee.

Best, Gabrielle

Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 3756 is amended to read:

§ 3756. QUALIFICATION FOR USE VALUE APPRAISAL

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(e) Once a use value appraisal has been applied for and granted under this section, such appraisal shall remain in effect for subsequent tax years pursuant to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, and until the property concerned is transferred to another owner or is no longer eligible under provisions of section 3752 or 3755 of this chapter, or due to a change of use or as otherwise provided in section 3757 of this chapter. If enrolled property is transferred to another owner, the new owner shall be entitled to continue to have the eligible property appraised at its use value, provided the property remains eligible and provided the new owner shall elect the continuation of use value appraisal on the property transfer tax return at the time of transfer and,

within 30 days after the property transfer tax return has been received by the municipality for recording, has applied to the Director and paid the fees described in this subsection. The grant of use value appraisals of agricultural ~~forest land~~ forestland and farm buildings shall be recorded in the land records of the municipality by the clerk of the municipality. Applications shall include the fees specified in subdivision 1671(a)(6) or subsection 1671(c) of this title, and a fee of ~~\$30.00~~ \$70.00 for deposit in a special fund established and managed pursuant to subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of this title. The Fund shall be available as payment for the fees of the clerk of the municipality and ~~for the improvement of the management of~~ to offset the costs of administering the application and managing the program.

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