

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MOBILE HOME OWNERS IN KITTERY....

### .....DID YOU KNOW???

- Unlike a typical house, mobile homes do not exchange deeds of ownership, but rather bills of sale or purchase and sale agreements. Therefore, when you buy OR sell a mobile home, you must provide a copy of your bill of sale (BOS) to the Assessing Office in Town Hall (200 Rogers Road – where you register your car).
- Just like a typical house, mobile homes must pay property taxes.
- If property taxes are not paid by the mobile home owner, a lien will be placed on the mobile home. If the lien is not paid off, the foreclosure clock starts ticking.
- A lien will affect your credit rating. A foreclosure takes your home.
- Like other homeowners in Kittery, you have access to the same services, including the recycling center, Fort Foster, Kittery Community Center events and programs, police and fire protection, schools, and more.
- To assure the Town has accurate information regarding your mobile home ownership, please contact the Assessor at 207-475-1306 (or [assessing@kitteryme.org](mailto:assessing@kitteryme.org)).
- Your Mobile Home Park Manager has more information regarding mobile home replacement, movement, additions and demolition, or you may contact Town Hall at the number above.

#### TAX EXEMPTION

The following tax exemptions are available to mobile home owners:

- *Homestead Exemption: This program provides a measure of property tax relief for certain individuals that have owned homestead property in Maine for at least 12 months and make the property they occupy on April 1 their permanent residence. Maximum\* exemption is \$20,000.*
- *Veteran Exemption: A veteran who served during a recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or, became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for up to\* \$6,000. (Also available for veteran widow/widower)*

*\*Exemption amounts may be adjusted depending upon a ratio applied by the Assessor.*

There are also exemptions for the legally blind and paraplegic veterans. You must complete applications for exemption and submit to Town Hall on or before April 1. If granted, the exemptions will reduce your taxable valuation for the following tax year (July 1 – June 30).

For more information, contact Assessing (207-475-1306) or Pauline in Tax (207-475-1316).