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CUMBERLAND COUNTY ANNOUNCES BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Cumberland County, ME-

The Cumberland County Commissioners have announced a new opportunity for public service with the creation of a Cumberland County Board of Assessment Review (BAR). The BAR will be made up of 5-7 members of the public and will hear and decide property tax abatement appeals for towns that do not have their own Board of Assessment Review. Currently, the County Commissioners hear 10-12 abatement appeals per year, but state law allows for a county BAR to hear these appeals so that persons with experience in real estate may act on behalf of the commissioners. Board members will be selected based on their knowledge of taxation and property values, and at least one must be a licensed real estate appraiser. Persons with professional experience and also members of the general public are encouraged to apply. The terms are to be at least 3 but no more than 5 years and will be set by the board. The board itself will also choose a chair, secretary, and meeting schedule. Letters or emails stating interest and qualifications should be sent to Cumberland County by November 20th.

For more information or to submit a letter with your interest and qualifications, contact Elizabeth Trice, Cumberland County Grants & Special Projects Coordinator, trice@cumberlandcounty.org 871-8380. Mail to Cumberland County Government/ BAR 142 Federal St Portland, Me. 04101

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