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**Approved on 2-6-2012 Assessor Meeting Minutes**

 **January 16, 2012**

**Submitted By:**

Rebecca Lenfestey, Admin. Assistant

February 6, 2012

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm on Monday January 16, 2012 by serving chair person Robert Stuart via Skype. Select board/Assessor members present via Skype, Robert Roxby, Rob Stuart and Pat McEachron. Present also Davey Lunt. Administrative Assistant Rebecca Lenfestey was present and, Town Administrator Michael Colleran was present via Skype and 7 members of the public were present.

1. MINUTES-

No previous Minutes recorded

1. Assessments & Commitments
2. The select board reviewed the updated commitment book and the updated tax bills after careful review of previous errors. Errors to be fixed are; there will be no interest rate charged on the bills, since the town did not vote in an approved interest rate at town meeting. The tax bill due dates will read due upon receipt and within a 30 day time frame. The option is still available for the Town of Frenchboro to place a lien on properties for nonpayment of taxes. RR 1st, PM 2nd to approve commitment. 4 Yes Votes, No opposition.
3. The Assessors discussed the possibility of placing a copy of the commitment book on the town website. RR has shared a citizen concern sent via email about placing that information to the public. Assessors motion to place the document on the website to be available. RR 1st, DWL 2nd. 4 Yes Votes, No Opposition. RL to post.
4. New Business
5. The Assessors discussed the tax bills to go out to the residents, and a couple of changes will be made, as stated above. The tax bills will be sent to Tammy Desjardin Tax Collector to print and mail. The Select Board has prepared a letter to the residents explaining the increase in the tax bills, and the errors made on the previous bill. The Select Board is asking Tammy Desjardin, Tax Collector with help if needed from Rebecca Lenfestey, Administrative Assistant to reprint the bills, and calculate the difference between the first and second bills. The calculations will result in either the tax payer to pay either more, or the tax payer if they paid too much will be offered a refund from the Town of Frenchboro. Motion to send the letter. RR 1st, DWL 2nd. 4 Yes, No Opposition.
6. The members of the public spoke out asking questions of the Assessors and of the current tax bills. The end result is the members of the public and the Assessors would like to research and gather information and have a formal discussion/meeting about the possibility of Re-Assessing Frenchboro and what that would mean for the town, and the cost involved.
7. ADMINISTRATIVE
8. Warrant- The documents require signatures. MC will provide an original to Rob Stuart, to sign and mail to Robert Roxby, and for RR to sign and Mail to Town of Frenchboro for a signature by Davey Lunt. Once the signatures have been collected, the original will go to Tammy Desjardin Tax Collector, and a copy filed for the Town of Frenchboro.
9. MAIL- Assessors were emailed all mail items via email. Mail items are in the select board binder for the time being, and copies are on the computer.
10. Letter from Cheri Muschamp.
11. Letter from Roman and Marissa Rozenski.
12. Letter from Chuck Amos. This was information being passed on to the assessors about the Church/Parsonage.
13. Homestead Exemption Application.
14. Brief letter from Ann Watson.
15. Information Request from Joe Hayes.
16. Request from Donnie Osier.

In conclusion, the board wanted more time to discuss and review the mail items. The two abatement requests will be on the next assessors agenda, the information on behalf of the church and parsonage will be discussed at another time leading into the assessment meetings for 2012 taxes, the homestead exemption application will be reviewed at another meeting (they have until April 2012), the brief letter from Ann Watson was reviewed hoping she would understand the explanation offered in the letter with the new tax bills, and RR met briefly with Donnie and felt that he was satisfied. The information requested from Joe Hayes will be worked on by RL and MC, with MC responding to him.

1. OTHER BUSINESS
2. Adjourned.-

Motion to adjourn RR 1st, PM 2nd, adjourned at 7:10 pm.

 Next Meeting Monday February 6, 2012.