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 **Assessor Meeting Minutes**

 **August 6, 2012**

**Submitted By:**

Rebecca Lenfestey, Admin. Assistant

August 27, 2012

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday August 6, 2012 by serving chair person Pat McEachron. Select board/Assessor members present Robert Roxby, Zachary Lunt, Pat McEachron and Rebecca Lenfestey. DWL showed up at 5:50 pm. Administrative Assistant Rebecca Lenfestey was present, Town Administrator Michael Colleran via skype, and five member(s) of the public were present.

1. MINUTES-

 No Previous Minutes were reviewed.

1. Old Business-
2. New Business
3. Working Waterfront Application: MC has given the board a draft letter that will be sent to the Desjardin family approving a partial lot Working Waterfront exemption. RR 1st, ZL 2nd. 3 yes, no DWL, and RL abstained. RL abstains with the reason that with not being an assessor of the previous year helping with the assessment that she can’t determine whether the assessment is correct or not. PM to work out the details with Alan Davis on the changes.
4. Interest Request: Monte Smart submitted a request for a refund of his interest paid in to the town from 2008 to present. It was determined that without approval on a town warrant any interest money the town obtained must be returned. PM will have Rachel work on this. PM 1st, RR 2nd. ZL yes, RL abstained, and no DWL.
5. Amos Property Discussion: Chuck Amos was present to discuss his lots, improvements, and acreage. It was decided that RR will look more into this and find property cards.
6. Bost Property Discussion: Rod Bost has been ill and will need to reschedule the discussion.
7. Catherine Wolf Property Discussion: Catherine Wolf came to discuss her property card and the discrepancy of being a 3 story home versus a 2 story home. After review of her information it was not assessed as a 3 story home. RL asks if she needed anything further, and she said she was all set. RR 1st, ZL 2nd denying the abatement. RL abstained.
8. Joseph Fiandeca Property Discussion: J. Fiandeca has made a formal request for abatement to the board to review on the premises he feels his property is over assessed, therefore unfairly increasing his tax burden. After the board reviewed the information RR 1st making a motion to deny the request because it is based on Fair Market Value and that is not how the house was assessed, DWL 2nd. ZL requests further discussion on how his assessment was arrived. RR 1st, DWL 2nd to deny abatement. RR, DWL,and PM in favor. ZL is against, and RL abstains with the reason that with not being an assessor of the previous year helping with the assessment that she can’t determine whether the assessment is correct or not but his assessment does seem high.
9. Myron Lenfestey, Sr. Property Discussion: Mike Lenfestey Sr. was present to discuss the removal of most of the old trailer on his lot. He was told in 2010 he needed to tear the structure down by board member Arthur Fernald and was told it would be taken of his tax bill. The board can’t grant an abatement refund prior to the previous year, but the board will abate the amount of Sq. Ft. on the 2011-2012 and all the upcoming tax bills. The property card read 600 sq. ft on the trailer and the adjustment should be down to 112 sq. ft. Mike Lenfestey Sr. said he will pay his taxes after the calculations are determined. RR 1st, ZL 2nd. RL abstained. 4 yes, 1 abstained.
10. Lenfestey Jr. Property: RL pointed out to the board that there was an error on the Lenfestey Jr. tax card with an old metal storage that has been removed for 2 years. PM 1st, RR 2nd to remove that storage building from the tax card. RL abstains. 4 yes, 1 abstained.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mail-

1. Muschamp Abatement request: Cheri Muschamp has submitted an abatement request. Even though it is passed the deadline to accept the requests, the board will review this at the next assessor meeting. RL to send an invitation for their input.
2. Charpentier Abatement request: Paul Charpentier has submitted an abatement request. Even though it is passed the deadline to accept the requests, the board will review this at the next assessor meeting. RL to send an invitation for their input.
3. Rozenski Abatement request: Marissa Rozenski has submitted an abatement request. Even though it is passed the deadline to accept the requests, the board will review this at the next assessor meeting. RL to send an invitation for their input. RL wants noted in the minutes that the application request for abatement is dated on April 26, 2012 but the stamped post mark on the envelope was for July 31, 2012.
4. After briefly reviewing the incoming requests some discussion took place. RR 1st to defer to the next meeting for discussion. DWL 1st to deny for invalid reasons behind abatement requests. PM 1st to inform the applicants that it is past the time line, but we will review the abatements at the next meeting ZL 2nd. MC suggests again the board hold off until the next meeting. Motion made to remove the motion for denial. RR 1st, DWL 2nd. Unanimous to discuss at the next meeting.
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. RL wanted clarification as a new Assessor/Select Board member how exactly the Technology Consultant position has come about, the job description, duties, and if there is a contract with him as a town employee since he handles so much of the tax work. RL suggests a contract, or at the very least a confirmation yearly that he is willing to continue. RR 1st, DWL 2nd to let it go as it is at this time and that the understanding is they have an oral contract with Alan.
7. MC and PM are working on more information on the Professional Re-Valuation of the town. We will have more information for the next select board meeting for August 20, 2012 and MC will draft a special town meeting warrant with the information on the Revaluation process and costs.
8. Adjourned.-

Motion to adjourn RL 1st, ZL 2nd, adjourned at 7:05 pm.

 Next Assessor Meeting scheduled for August 27, 2012. RL suggests to the board on lengthy assessor agendas not to do a select board and assessor meeting together.