

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES

December 16, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman James Gorton called the meeting to order at 5:23 PM.

PRESENT: James Gorton (Chairman), George Longfellow, Paul Loiselle and Todd Haywood (Town Assessor).

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. December 2, 2009: George Longfellow made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 2, 2009. Paul Loiselle seconded the motion. The motion carried with James Gorton abstaining from the vote.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS OF IMPENDING TAX ABATEMENTS

The Town Assessor explained that all four abatements were approved settlements of June 2009 but for whatever reason the changes were not saved and the taxpayers were assessed and billed again at the old value. All four abatements were approved previously on the same day at the same meeting.

- a. NERR LLC Map 24 Lot 57
George Longfellow made a motion to abate the amount of \$6,624.92 to NERR LLC. The motion was seconded by Paul Loiselle. The motion was unanimous.
- b. Northeast Record Retention LLC Map 29 Lot 70
- c. Laco Corporation Map 24 Lot 35-6
- d. Tri Town Ice Arena Limited Partnership Map 17 Lot 13-1
Paul Loiselle made a motion that the correction be made to the abatements that were awarded in June 2009 to Northeast Record Retention LLC, Laco Corporation, and Tri Town Ice Arena Limited Partnership. George Longfellow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Denise Terry Revocable Trust Map 6 Lot 22-19
The Town Assessor met with the taxpayer to try to settle the pending BTLA appeal. The taxpayer has agreed to withdraw his appeal if the Town reduces his assessment to \$555,200. The value is higher than the appraised value submitted with the appeal. The Town Assessor said to keep equity, reasonable adjustments can be made. In this situation a grade change and pump system were factors considered. A \$10,000 increase in assessment was discussed. George Longfellow made a motion to abate assessment from 640,000 to 565,200. Paul Loiselle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ELDERLY & DISABLED TAX DEFERRAL

Paul Loiselle made a motion to defer taxes of Robert DeLuca of 2 Golden Gate Drive for tax year 2009 in the amount of \$4303.33. The motion was seconded by George Longfellow. The motion carried unanimous.

3. New Business

a. Increase of Veterans Tax Credit Discussion

Paul Loiselle made a motion to leave the veterans exemption as is for this year and address it again next year. George Longfellow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimous.

b. Elderly Exemption Review Process

The Board of Assessors had previously discussed reviewing elderly exemptions. A complete re-qualification process is not deemed necessary at this time. The Town Assessor suggested that they require the front page of applicant's current tax return. If the earnings seemed close to the qualification limits, then a complete re-qualification would be necessary. Paul Loiselle made a motion to send out a cover letter requesting a current 1040 from those now receiving the elderly exemption and failure to do so could jeopardize their exemption. The motion was seconded by George Longfellow. The motion carried unanimous.

4. ADJOURNMENT

George Longfellow made a motion to adjourn at 6:02 PM. Paul Loiselle seconded the Motion. The motion carried unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elayne Pierson
Assessing Coordinator