

Minutes
Board of Assessor's Meeting
April 6, 2009

Members Present: John McSorley, Eugene Reed, and Jason Neuman.
Others: None

7:15 PM BOA Chairman John McSorley called the meeting to order.

Minutes of 3/18/09 were accepted as presented by Ms. Seaverns.

Motion: McSorley, second Neuman to accept.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Board reviewed "Intent to Cut" filed by Woodward Timber. Location to be cut is Map 17 Lot 25 Stage Road. (Rt.152).

Signed by all BOA members

Board reviewed "Intent to Excavate" for Map 10 Lot 12, Smoke Street location. Intent filed by Tasker Realty Development.

Signed by all BOA members.

Board reviewed applications for Veterans Credit submitted by:

All BOA members signed Mr. Spina of 2 Friar Tuck Application.

Mr. Stacy of Francesca Way... All BOA members denied application because of the dates of service were not eligible.

Mr. Ricker's application was held for more information and to be acted upon at another meeting.

Discussion followed about how denials were communicated to Veteran's Credit applicants. To be discussed at next meeting with Assessing Coordinator.

BOA member Reed addressed the BOA to inform them that he had ongoing discussions with the Board of Selectmen in regard to the tax-deeded property recently acquired by the Town. (Formerly the 42-acre "Lee" property.) And also, the Selectmen's waiver of tax deeds on several properties including 3 located on/in Cedar Waters Village. The total assessed value of all waived properties exceeds \$860,000.

Mr. Reed further stated and assured the BOA that he was pursuing this information as a taxpayer/citizen, not as an assessor. The reason for making the disclosure statements were in the interest of open government wanted the BOA to be aware of his involvement and the capacity of that involvement.

No discussion on the subject followed.

A discussion on whether a mission statement should be issued by the BOA. It was agreed that it should be developed and issued.

Mr. McSorley is to research and copy to the BOA the previously created Assessing Advisory Committee's Mission Statement for reference. Mr. Reed has researched several municipalities' mission statements. Reed will review the NAAC statement and the others to incorporate those parts applicable to this BOA. He committed to presenting a first draft at a future Monday night meeting.

A short discussion of “Current Use” requirements was held. No decisions were made.

McSorley is to confirm and communicate with Ms. Seaverns that next Saturday a workshop for the Assessors will be held to demonstrate the functions of the Assessing software.

McSorley expressed an interest in determining how pick ups and the annual data verification properties were selected and inspected .The Saturday workshop will include a CAMA demonstration of these components. The Boa discussed venues of education of taxpayers-seminars held here in the community center and through articles in the Community Newsletter. Mr. Bock informed the BOA that the Town’s cable contract is up next year and there is a Cable Advisory Committee that has been formed to help renegotiate the contract. He is in hopes of multiple public access channels being made available to the Town, which could be used for education as well.

Having no further business,

9:17 PM **Motion:** McSorley, second Reed to adjourn.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Reed