

Minutes
Board of Assessor's Meeting
April 6, 2009

Members Present: John McSorley, Eugene Reed, 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:

Mr. Spina of 2 Friar Tuck... Application was signed by all BOA members.

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

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.

The Board discussed their upcoming meeting schedule. After some discussion of availability of the members, the next meeting was scheduled for Monday April 6, 2009 at 7PM in Conference Room # 2. The Board will also have a training session on Saturday April 11, 2009 at 8:30AM.

The Board next addressed the signature file.

First to be considered was a request from the Tax Collector to grant him the authority to waive interest in the amount of \$ 5.00 or less (RSA 76:13).

Motion: McSorley, second Reed to authorize the Tax Collector to waive interest in the amount of \$ 5.00 or less.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

The Board signed approval for 2 Veterans Tax Credit applications, Map 54 Lot 7-4 and Map 6 Lot 20-26.

The Board next discussed a memo from the Tax Collector in regard to a property that can be deeded for non-payment of taxes however there is a question of who owns the property. The property in question is a mobile home in Cedar Waters Village. Ms. Bonser indicated that in similar situations in the past, the Town has deeded the property to the Bonsers and they have disposed of it, removing it from the tax rolls. As a result of the discussion, the Board will refer this matter back to the Tax Collector to discuss with the Board of Selectmen.

The Board then discussed a request from a taxpayer for assistance in paying her outstanding taxes for 2008. Discussion followed about responsibilities of the Board of Assessors (BOA) vs. responsibilities of the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Ms. Bonser informed the Board she had spoken with an attorney at LGC in regard to this issue. The attorney had said that matters of abatement of taxes, as well as assessing issues fell under the authority of the BOA while tax deed matters were the authority of the BOS. Mr. Brown stated that the Town attorney had made similar statements.

Motion: McSorley, second Neuman to refer this matter back to the BOS for consultation with the Town Attorney on whose jurisdiction this matter fell under.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Having no further business,

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

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Reed

Approved as written 6/1/09