

Minutes
Board of Assessor's Meeting
July 13, 2009

Members Present: John McSorley, Eugene Reed and Jason Neuman

Others: Heidi Seaverns.

7:05 PM Chairman McSorley called the meeting to order.

Regarding outstanding minutes,

Motion: McSorley, second Reed to accept as written the minutes of the meeting on June 29, 2009.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Motion: McSorley, second Reed to accept as amended the minutes of the meeting on July 2, 2009.

Vote: 2-0 in favor, Mr. Neuman abstained as he was not in attendance at this meeting.

Ms. Seaverns then asked the Board to consider their meeting schedule for the remainder of 2009. She provided the Board with a schedule in which the Board would meet every other week on Monday nights with the exception of a meeting on Tuesday September 8. The members discussed the new schedule and had no conflicts. Ms. Seaverns thanked the Board and will draft a notice for posting.

The Board next addressed the signature file.

The Board signed a Current Use application for Map 69 Lot 17 which will put 93.19 acres into Current Use. Chairman McSorley stated that the Board should check to be sure that parcels that have just been put into Current Use and are receiving the recreational discount are not posted. Parcels receiving the recreational discount must allow hunting, fishing, hiking, snow shoeing, skiing and nature observation. This verification could be accomplished by driving by the parcel. Board members signed the form from DRA indicating that Nottingham would not be using the Inventory form (PA 28) in 2010.

Next to be discussed were the memos from Mark Nieder in regard to two of the cases before BTLA. The first case is the appeal of a LUCT for Seacoast Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Nieder would like to make a reasonable offer to Habitat for Humanity to attempt to settle the case as discussed at the meeting on July 2.

Motion: McSorley, second Reed to accept Mark Nieder's recommendation for a reduction in the LUCT for Seacoast Habitat for Humanity and authorize him to make the offer. After much discussion about the property & its value,

Motion: McSorley, second Neuman to withdraw the previous motion and hold on accepting CNP's recommendation pending further investigation by the Board.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

The second case is a 2007 property tax appeal from the Bonardi's. The memo provided to the Board outlined what was discussed at the July 2 meeting in regard to a settlement offer.

Motion: McSorley, second Neuman to accept Mark Nieder's recommendation for settlement offer for the 2007 BTLA property tax appeal and authorize him to make offer to Bonardi's.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Board members then began review & discussion of the outstanding abatement applications for 2008 and recommendations from CNP. Discussion followed about adding value as a result of discovery through the abatement process. Chair McSorley clarified the results of the Pheasant Lane case. If something has escaped taxation and is discovered through the abatement process, it

can be added to the assessed value in that tax year. If something is already being taxed but not at the correct level, that value cannot be added to the assessed value until the following tax year.

Motion: Reed, second McSorley to approve the abatement for Map 9 Lots 9-12 & 9-13 based on review and Mark Nieder's recommendation.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Motion: McSorley, second Neuman to approve the abatement for Map 68, Lots 103 based on review and Mark Nieder's recommendation with the exception of adding the finish to the porch.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Ms. Seaverns asked the Board to review the exemption on Map 71 Lot 83 and as a result of that review,

Motion: McSorley, second Reed to remove the Disabled Exemption for Map 71 Lot 83 effective 4/1/09 based on information reviewed. The former owner has not resided in the house since the fall of 2008 and foreclosure proceedings began in December of 2008.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

The Board signed the warrant and certification sheets for a Timber Tax Levy for 2009 Tax year for Map 17 Lot 20.

There was a brief discussion about the educational presentation Mr. Reed has prepared. The Board would like to discuss market conditions with a group of realtors and get their thoughts as well. Mr. Reed would like to invite members of the Budget Committee, the Tax Collector, the Board of Selectmen & Mr. Brown to attend the presentation. Ms. Seaverns suggested that the presentation may be better attended if the Board waits until summer is over. Chair McSorley will contact the realtors to try to arrange a meeting.

Chair McSorley suggested that the Board have CNP send a certified letter to the owners of Cedar Waters requesting access to view the parcels selected for data verification. If there is no response to the initial letter, a second one should be sent from CNP. If there is no response from that letter, the Board will send a letter requesting access. Board members agreed. Ms. Seaverns will contact CNP and have them draft a letter.

Having no further business,

8:50 PM **Motion:** McSorley, second Neuman to adjourn.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Seaverns

Approved as written
7/27/09