Minutes
Board of Assessor's Meeting
November 30, 2009

Members Present: John McSorley, Jason Neuman and Eugene Reed
Others: Heidi Seaverns.

7:08 PM Chairman McSorley called the meeting to order.

The Board addressed the signature file.
Members signed an Intent to Cut form for Map 29 Lot 8 (taxes current).
Board members reviewed and signed 4 of the 5 abatement applications that they had requested for corrections to tax cards as a result of information obtained through the data verification process. The abatements were signed at the previous meeting. The taxpayers of the following lots returned their signed forms as requested: Map 12 Lot 16; Map 20 Lot 6-7; Map 18 Lot 3-3 and Map 71 Lot 30.
Motion: McSorley, second Neuman to approve abatement in the amount of $ 155.00 for Map 23 Lot 2-13 formerly owned by Joseph Ranguette now owned by the Town. This property had been tax deeded in March of 2009 but the deed was not recorded until November of 2009 so taxes for the property were generated in error.
Vote: 3-0 in favor.
Board members signed the 2009 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Sheets Certificate. Ms. Seaverns will not release the information to DRA until the Board has had a chance to review the information.

The Board addressed the correspondence file.
Members reviewed the petition warrant article received which asks that all income & asset limits be removed from all tax exemptions in Nottingham. Ms. Seaverns provided the Board with a copy of her inquiries to DRA Property Appraisal & Municipal Services Division representatives. Both representatives indicated that since there are minimum limits identified in the statutes, those limits cannot be overridden by the voters. The statutes allow for greater amounts but not lesser ones. The Board asked Ms. Seaverns to contact the assessing officials of a specific town in Maine to determine if certain individuals own property in that Town which would affect their tax exemption status.

The Board then discussed their upcoming meeting with the Budget Committee on December 10, 2009 at 7:15PM. Ms. Seaverns provided the members with an updated Budget Worksheet and Narrative as well as the calculations she used to arrive at the contract assessing line cost of next year. She went on to explain to the members that these meetings with the Budget Committee are a chance for committee members to ask questions about the individual department budgets with the department heads themselves. The assessing budget for 2010 is straight forward; the only significant change is the addition of the valuation update. Ms. Seaverns stated that she may tweak the equipment & office supply lines once she gets a couple questions answered about the update mailings from CNP. She will provide the members with updated narratives before the meeting with the Budget Committee. Chair McSorley then briefly reviewed some of the seminars he attended at the LGC conference.

Regarding outstanding minutes,
Motion: McSorley, second Neuman to accept as written the minutes of the meeting on November 2, 2009.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.
Motion: McSorley, second Neuman to accept as written the minutes of the meeting on November 16, 2009.
Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Having no further business,
7:48 PM **Motion** Reed second Neuman to adjourn.
Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Seaverns

Approved as written
1/25/10