

Minutes
Board of Assessor's Meeting
January 11, 2010

Members Present: John McSorley, Jason Neuman and Eugene Reed

Others: Heidi Seaverns.

7:00 PM Chairman McSorley called the meeting to order.

Ms. Seaverns gave members a copy of the meeting schedule for 2010. She explained to the Board that she had scheduled two meetings in September on consecutive Mondays rather than every other one to allow for the informal hearings for the update and then acceptance of the new values for October 1 deadline. As always, meeting schedule is subject to change.

The Board addressed the correspondence file.

Members reviewed the contracts for 2010 for general assessing and for the valuation update. Ms. Seaverns reported to the BOA that she had not received any correspondence from NHDRA in regard to the update contract as of today's date. Chair McSorley explained the DRA had to review the update contract before the Town could sign it. He went on to explain that this review is supposed to be done within 10 business days of DRA receiving the contract. The members had no issues with the general assessing contract and agreed with the minor changes made by Ms. Seaverns. Ms. Seaverns will forward the general assessing contract to the Selectmen for their signatures. The Selectmen have the authority to sign contracts. The update contract will be held until the letter from DRA has been received. The Board reviewed a notice from DRA about a rulemaking hearing about current use rates to be held on January 22, 2010 and the settlement hearing order for the NHEC case at BTLA.

The members next reviewed a letter from a taxpayer requesting waiver of interest on his 2nd issue tax bill. Mr. Reed stated he would abstain from this vote since the taxpayer was his neighbor. Some discussion followed. Chair McSorley reminded members that it is the taxpayer's responsibility to ensure taxes are paid.

Motion: McSorley, second Neuman to reject request for waiver of interest.

Vote: 2-0-1 abstain

The members reviewed and approved an invoice from CNP for work done on the Russell BTLA case. The taxpayer's appeal for an abatement was denied by BTLA. Mr. Reed requested that CNP forward a copy of all exhibits used for this case to the office for review, other members agreed. Ms. Seaverns will make the request from CNP.

Ms. Seaverns asked the Board to verify that the 10% adjustment on the Nottingham Lake properties that was applied in 2008 & in 2009 due to the absence of the lake should be removed in 2010. The members stated this adjustment should be removed for 2010.

Members then discussed the BOA report for the 2009 Town Report. No changes were made to the report itself. Ms. Seaverns will add Mr. Neuman & Mr. Reed's names to the article and submit it for publication. Chair McSorley then asked for input on his articles about the 2010 update that he had written for the Community Newsletter & the Forum. Some discussion followed. Ms. Seaverns told the Board that she believed the deadline for submission has passed and that the newsletter was very tight on space this issue but she would see if she could get the article in. The Board next discussed the public presentation that Mr. Reed has been working on. After some discussion, it was decided that the Board would discuss a date for the presentation at their next meeting. Mr. Reed requested a digital report of all sales in 2009, both qualified &

unqualified. Ms. Seaverns can obtain that report from the assessing software and will forward it to the members.

Having no further business,

8:25 PM **Motion** Reed second Neuman to adjourn.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Seaverns

Approved as written
1/25/10