

Minutes
Board of Assessor's Meeting
October 3, 2011

Members Present: Eugene Reed and John McSorley.

Member Excused: Jason Neuman

Others: Heidi Seaverns.

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

The Board addressed the signature file.

Motion: McSorley, second Reed to assess Timber Tax Levy for 2011 Tax year for Map 17 Lot 30 in the amount of \$ 195.21.

Vote: 2-0 in favor. The Board signed the warrant and certification sheets for the levy.

The Board then addressed the correspondence file.

Members reviewed and signed off on an invoice from Avitar Associates for August work in the amount of \$ 11,922.47. This reflects work on the data verification for 2011 (\$7504), updating utility values (\$4000) and miscellaneous property visits (\$418.47). Mr. McSorley questioned why a USPAP statement had been generated for the Fairpoint assessment. Ms. Seaverns will inquire as to why it was created.

Members reviewed letters from Gary Roberge, Avitar Associates in regard to updated utility values and establishing a value for Fairpoint Communications for 2011. He has recommended that the Town put the estimated amount of tax for Fairpoint in as overlay during the tax rate setting process. This is to avoid artificially lowering the tax rate, as it is unknown if Fairpoint will end up paying property taxes or not. Mr. McSorley asked about an assessment for Comcast. Ms. Seaverns stated that Avitar's position is that Comcast rents from Fairpoint, so they are not assessed separately. There was discussion about the Rochester decision and its effect on the telecommunications tax issues. Ms. Seaverns will contact Mr. Roberge for a further explanation on this issue. Mr. McSorley asked if the Town had a contract with Comcast. Ms. Seaverns said there was one in place. Members would like to see a copy of that contract. Ms. Seaverns informed the Board that she had received the 2010 appeals list from BTLA. Nottingham has 2 appeals for the 2010 tax year, Wayne & Ellen Dorrance and Cedar Waters Village. Ms. Seaverns asked members present about the future meeting schedule, suggesting the Board have 1 scheduled meeting per month. Members will discuss this when there is a full board present. Ms. Seaverns stated she had been working on the 2012 budget and was in hopes of having it complete for their review at Board's next meeting. Ms. Seaverns told the members that O'Donnell had begun work on the digital map project. She will keep the Board apprised of the progress.

Next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board is October 17, 2011.

Having no further business,

8:00 PM **Motion** McSorley, second Reed to adjourn.

Vote: 2-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Seaverns

Approved as written
5/14/12