**Town of Rutland Board of Assessors**

**Meeting Minutes**

June 5, 2018 at 8:30AM

Location: Assessor’s Office

**Meeting opened at 8:35 AM**

**8:30 Appointment with Clealand Blair Jr**

Clealand Blair has come to the Assessors meeting to discuss all of his real estate abatements that were filed for 2018.

Mostly focusing on all of the denied abatements, Mr. Blair would like the Assessors to review his land that is open space and believes that the land should be valued at zero. He stated that the land cannot be sold and therefore, should have no value.

Diane, the Regional Assessor, let Blair know that the land can be sold and that if he is looking to sell the land, he should contact some non-profit organizations; such as a land trust, and they will have to maintain the land.

Mr. Blair says that he does not benefit from having the land but the Town of Rutland does as well as the residents. This land is open space and considered open to the public but the public does not know that it is open to them.

Diane lets Blair know that the open space land values are the lowest that they can possibly be and that they cannot go any lower.

Mr. Blair would also like to discuss the land that is considered “Paper Lots” as well as the streets that they are located on. Blair does not agree with the values of the lots as well as the fact that he shouldn’t be taxed for the roads.

Diane let Blair know that the paper lots are being taxed at 25% if there is a gravel road in front of the lots and only at 10% of the value if there is no road in front of them. As well as the fact that roads are taxed until they are given to the Town.

Blair would like the Assessors to go out and look at some properties that are located on Arrowhead Way, Teresa Drive, Grizzly Drive and Bonnie Brae Circle.

The Board of Assessors agreed to walk the locations and scheduled it for June 12, 2018 at 7:30 am.

Blair does not agree with the Assessors decision for the properties located on Glenwood Place or Pleasantdale Road. The Assessors let Mr. Blair know that the values of the properties are based off sales in the area and that the formula that is used for calculating it is fair across the state.

**New Business:**

Each year the Board of Assessors has to elect a new Chairman of the Board. This year, all board members agree that Kevin Jarvi is up for Chairman.

**Arthur Lincoln made a motion to elect Kevin Jarvi as Chairman of the Board.**

**2nd by Jeffrey Gibbs**

When the class becomes available, Kevin Jarvi will be taking the Course 101 - Assessment Administration: Law, Procedures and Valuation.

**Signatures:**

* Review and accept minutes from previous meeting of May 2, 2018
* Expenses
* MV abatements
* MV Monthly list of motor vehicle abatements
* 2011-2013 Uncollectable Motor Vehicle Excise from Tax Collector/Treasurer
* 2018-03 Motor Vehicle Commitment & Warrant
* 2018-99 Motor Vehicle Commitment & Warrant
* Statutory Exemption Denial
* Supplemental Tax Spreadsheet, Commitment & Warrant
* Revised Assessments Spreadsheet, Commitment & Warrant
* Preliminary Commitment
* Chapter Liens

**Set time and agenda items for next meeting: June 12, 2018 7:30AM**

**Adjourn: 10:15 am**

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Jeffrey Gibbs (Chair)

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Arthur Lincoln (Member)

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Kevin Jarvi (Member)