

SHELBURNE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MINUTES of June 22, 2015 Meeting

1) Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM Attending: Alan Coutinho Jim Richardson, Bill Barry
Unable to attend: Joe Mattei

2) Signed:

- a. Previous Meeting Minutes
- b. Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatements
- c. Warrant To Collector – MVE Third Commitment 2015
- d. Summary Accounting Report for MAY
- e. DOR’s MDM-1 form for reimbursement by DOR for FY2015 Exemptions

3) Briefly discussed Thomas Fantini’s appeal to Appellate Tax Board on (recently reduced) valuation of 280 Colrain-Shelburne Rd. Board agreed that property was fairly valued.

4.) We discussed the June 16 announcements of a 20% reduction of DOR staff supporting CAMA & the Personal Property System and the news that DOR will support CAMA “through FY2016”. This is the first time DOR has specified an end-date for CAMA support. Related June 16 news was the CAMA Consortium’s announcement that they will assist in evaluating replacement systems.

Bill updated Assessors on DOR’s cancellation of a planned June 24th visit to move CAMA to the newer computer, and DOR’s recommendation that we move CAMA to a remote “Cloud” computer server in Rhode Island. It was agreed that we should meet with Selectboard to get their agreement to move CAMA & the Personal Property system to this remote server. Bill will draft a one page summary to explain this need. We discussed that the primary benefit of this move to the remote server will be to keep CAMA & the Personal Property system operational in order to buy us time until a replacement system can be implemented. These recent announcements of the expected death of CAMA and the PP system were predicted in the April 2014 budget proposal for the CAMA Replacement Project which was rejected by the SelectBoard.

5.) Bill provided a brief update on Andrew Baker’s visit to introduce himself. In response to Andrews questions about our work, Bill explained that there were substantial concerns that had been documented in a report to the Selectboard. Andrew requested, and was given a copy of the January 13, 2015 report on Assessors Office operations.

6.) Bill shared some concerns about existing Cell Towers Personal Property in town, and the need to inspect, inventory and confirm ownership of the dozens of antennas attached to each cell tower in town.

7.) dates of next meetings planned for July 13 & July 27

8) Adjourned at 6:48 PM
