

SHELBURNE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MINUTES of June 2, 2014 Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:00PM - Jim Richardson, Alan Coutinho, Bill Barry present
Joe Mattie unable to attend

 - 2) Met with Tim Smith re Apex Orchard's application for abatement on 337 Peckville Rd. The Board informed Tim that his application was approved, and the valuation of the APR land under the agricultural dormitory building would be lowered to a valuation similar to the chapter-land valuations of the surrounding land. This change is a result of the DOR providing Shelburne with previously unpublicized policy guidelines involving APR land.

 - 3) Signed Previous Meeting Minutes

 - 4) Real Estate & Personal Property Abatement Application Status.
Bill reported on the status of TransCanada & Deerfield #2 Dam (waiting for results of appraisal) and TransCanada & 232 Main St. (waiting for response from Town Attorney Donna MacNicol)

Related to item # 2 above (Apex Orchard's APR Land), Board agreed to lower the valuation of the APR land under the agricultural dormitory building at the South end of Peckville Rd that is part of the parcel at 69 Colrain-Shelburne Rd owned by Hager Farm Reality. Bill will provide data and forms to sign at next Board of Assessors Meeting.

In response to the Abatement Application from Peter & Marion London, the Board of Assessors agreed to lower the FY2014 Assessed valuation of 264 B Patten Rd.

 - 5) Bill reported the status of work on Preliminary FY2015 Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills.
The Board approved:
 - a. new FY2015 valuations re split of Rainville Main St properties from 2 parcels to 6
 - b. the FY2015 valuation assigned to the new 2 acre lot purchased by James & Jeanne Abels from Coreen Young
 - c. the FY2015 valuation for the new 2 acre lot at 1445 Mohawk Tr owned by R. Andrew

 - 6) Bill reported on newly identified concerns regarding Personal Property Data & Village Fire District. For some of the large corporation's PP assets, we are unable to separate Village FD from Rural FD. Bill raised a question of whether there has been double billing for PP valuations, involving the three taxing entities (Town, Rural FD & Village FD)?. One example offered was the New England Power Company's PP with a FY2014 value of \$3.3M. Bill has spoken with Marion Scott about this. The Board agreed that we need to find time to better understand this concern.

 - 7) Confirmed date of next meetings: June 23

 - 8) Adjourned 6:48 PM
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