

SHELBURNE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by chair Alan Coutinho.

Board Members Present: Alan Coutinho, James Richardson, Joseph Mattei, Jennifer Morse (Assistant)

Minutes

Minutes of January 8, 2018 were approved by Alan Coutinho and James Richardson. Joe Mattei was absent from meeting and did abstained.

Signatures

Real Estate Abatement Certificates – Town and Fire District

Real Estate Abatement Denial Notice

CAI Technologies 2019 Map Contract

Assistant Assessor Updates

JM shared that an abutting property owner filed an appeal with the Zoning Board and raised a question regarding a sale between Mr. Simpson and the property owner and if it JM presented the board with a question regarding chapter status and the sale of the chapter parcels from Mr. Simpson to his attorney and back again. JM shared the letter to Mr. Simpson with his deed combinations and closed parcels. JM also shared that she had email correspondence with Mr. Simpson letting him know that the Board of Assessors would be out to check on the use of the land in the spring/summer and if the chapter use is not met the land will be removed from chapter status.

Solar Display – Payne Property

John Payne inquired about a 15-17 acre solar display on one of his parcels. The parcel is currently classified as hay land however will be converted to pasture. Mr. Payne shared information regarding the panels and ability to graze cattle beneath the structures, similar to the set up at UMASS. The board agreed that the land would not have to be removed from chapter status as long as Mr. Payne was able to continue the agricultural use of the land. Mr. Payne will keep the board updated on the progress of the project as it moves forward.

FY19 Budget

Alan presented the Assessors budget with a 2% increase for the Assessors Stipends as directed by the town. The Assessors operating budget will remain mainly unchanged except for the increase to the mapping contract a \$200 increase and an increase to the education line of \$100. The two capital requests have been submitted and the board will have to go before the finance committee and selectboard – no date has been set. Discussion on the Town Report submission- JM will send a draft to all board members by the end of the week.

Other

Joe Mattei completed the online ethics training and submitted the certificate to the town clerk. Jim Richardson was reminded of the task.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Inspection at 417 Little Mohawk Rd at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer Morse
Assistant Assessor
January 10, 2018

Documents

1. Monthly Lists – December 2017 Levy 2018
2. Motor Vehicle Abatements
3. Warrant to Collect – Motor Vehicle, Town of Shelburne Taxes and Shelburne Fire District Taxes
4. Letter from MDAR regarding APR Land at 225 Peckville Rd
5. Deed for 30 Frank Williams Road
6. Land Survey for Ancient Glacier at 19 Bridge Street