

**Board of Assessors Minutes**  
**April 22, 2008**

**Members Present:** Arlene Fogg, Chairperson; David Stevens; Relf Fogg and Cynthia Bickford, Assessing Technician.

**Also Present:** Ken Fogg, Al Mayranen, Dave Mankus and Town Administrator, Robin Frost joined the meeting immediately after calling the meeting to order.

Arlene Fogg called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Arlene Fogg called this meeting in order to get some direction on where the issue addressed at the April 14 meeting stands.

Mrs. Frost stated the Town is still waiting for a response from Arlene Fogg. Mrs. Frost starts by explaining how this whole thing transpired. The assessing technician went to Mrs. Frost stating it was difficult to process work and questioned if she had heard from Arlene. Mrs. Frost reviewed the RSA's and also asked Attorney, Richard Sager for advice. Mrs. Frost then attended the Board of Assessor's meeting requesting they concur to sending a letter to Arlene Fogg. Relf Fogg believed at the March 20, 2008 meeting he had made it clear that he as a member of the Board of Assessor's wanted to seek Arlene Fogg's intentions and not resignation. Mrs. Frost agreed with Mr. Fogg and stated maybe she did not make it clear but the letter would be requesting Arlene's resignation.

Arlene Fogg then stated it was not her intentions to be out of town for that period of time, but it was extended due to medical appointments for her husband. Arlene Fogg went on to state the town did have her cell phone and she was reachable at that number. Mrs. Frost states she does not have a cell phone number for Arlene. Arlene Fogg goes on to state she tried to reach the assessing technician, but the assessing technician was out of town. She also spoke with the Town Clerk's office in order to receive absentee ballots.

Mrs. Frost asked Arlene Fogg if she felt she was fulfilling her duties as a board member. Mrs. Fogg replied yes.

Relf Fogg believes the duties of the Town Attorney should be directed from the Board of Assessors directly, if he is to represent the Board in the future. Mrs. Frost stated once again that she had directed Richard Sager to write the letter. Mrs. Frost then brought it to the Board of Selectmen on March 12, 2008. Both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson agreed the letter should be sent. Mrs. Frost noted that the assessing technician wanted to wait until Arlene Fogg returned from Florida and ask her what her intentions were. The Board of Selectmen concurred the letter be sent then. Relf Fogg made it clear the Board of Assessors did not ask for her resignation.

Mr. Mankus questions the date of the Selectmen's meeting. Mrs. Frost stated it was the meeting of March 12, 2008. Mr. Mankus then questions what members were serving on

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the board the evening of March 12. Mrs. Frost replies Paul Morrill, Chairperson; Mark Duffy, Vice Chairperson and John Blackwood were present. Relf Fogg stated when Paul Morrill spoke at the March 26, 2008 meeting he voiced his opinion and was very critical, and believes he represented certain people.

Mrs. Fogg states she wants a retraction from the newspaper, stating that the newspaper reported the situation wrong, and the Board of Assessor's did not request her resignation. Mrs. Frost states that is up to the Board of Assessors and suggests sending the approved minutes to the newspaper and see if they will run an article.

Ms. Bickford explained the assessing process, including due dates and response deadlines regulated by RSA's. She goes on to state the importance of a three member board.

Mr. Mayranen asked if the town has ever heard of overnight mail. Mrs. Frost responded by stating it is not the Town's responsibility to overnight information to a member who ran for office and should be available for their duties. It would be costly to do business that way.

Ken Fogg wanted to know who they had in mind to replace Arlene's position. Mrs. Frost replied there were two write in candidates that ran for the vacant seat for the Board of Assessors.

Ken Fogg made it clear that Arlene Fogg would not be resigning from the Board of Assessors and nor do they have any intentions of going to Florida.

Mr. Stevens asked if we have this issue resolved. Arlene Fogg stated again that she wants the newspaper to run an article clarifying the Board of Assessors did not seek Arlene Fogg's resignation. Mrs. Frost suggested contacting Heather Ahlgren at the Granite State News.

Arlene Fogg questions what would happen if the assessing technician was sick for a period of time or unable to perform her duties. Mrs. Frost replied the assessing technician is hired by the Town and the Town has a personnel policy to address such items.

Mr. Mankus suggests the Board of Assessors consider some point of order where as the board members would sign a letter being sent on their behalf. Mr. Stevens agrees and believes this is the way the board should handle items in the future. Relf Fogg states the Board of Assessor's were left out of loop even though they were identified at a public meeting as the instigator in this issue. Mr. Stevens agrees and states he would have never signed the letter sent to Arlene Fogg.

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Arlene Fogg stated for the record she would not be resigning as a member of the Board of Assessor's and is planning on being in town.

Relf Fogg moved to make sure any additional documents/correspondence sent on behalf or by the Board of Assessor's needed to be reviewed and signed by the Board of Assessor's before being distributed, Mr. Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mr. Fogg moved to enter Non Public Session. Mr. Stevens seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Fogg – 'aye'; Mr. Stevens – 'aye'; Mrs. Fogg – 'aye'. Motion passed unanimously and the Board entered Non Public Session at 9:44 a.m.**

The Board returned to public session at 10:02 a.m.

**Other Business**

Mrs. Frost comments on the enthusiasm of the Board and their willingness to learn and is excited the assessing office will be getting the support it needs.

Discussion regarding the taping of public meetings.

Both Arlene and Relf Fogg will be attending the States Statute Course Part I.

Mr. Fogg compliments David Stevens on his leadership and hopes he will be as helpful as David has been to the community.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Fogg moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. , Mr. Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Bickford  
Assessing Technician

**Approval of Minutes:**

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Arlene Fogg

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David Stevens

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Relf Fogg