

**Board of Assessors
October 20, 2016**

Members Present: Rosemary Stewart, Chairperson; Dennis Tyler; Relf Fogg; and Cynthia Bickford, Assessing Technician.

Mrs. Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also Present: Donna Martin, videotaping; and Connie Twombly, Selectmen Representative.

1.Appointment – Paul Winckler, Wakefield Brookfield Historical Society. Mr. Winckler was before the Board regarding the tax bill issued to the organization. The organization did not file the BTLA –A9 Form in a timely manner. The Board agreed they all support the society and acknowledge this is a difficult issue. Mr. Winckler stated he was away last year from November through May and inquired if ignorance was an acceptable excuse. Mr. Fogg states this is an unfortunate circumstance, but reiterates the Board needs to comply with the law. He inquired as to the mailing address for the historical society and mentioned there may be people out there who would be willing to donate to the cause. Mrs. Stewart reminded Mr. Winckler of the Boards responsibility and did apologize for recommending the organization to file for an abatement. No additional action was taken.

2. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment – None.

3. New Business – **(a) All Veteran Tax Credit.** Ms. Bickford had emailed the RSA's pertaining to the veteran tax credits to the Board. The Board discussed bringing forward a warrant article in 2017 to include the "All Veterans' Tax Credit", RSA 72:28-b, which was recently adopted. The Board agreed unanimously that all veterans should be recognized and the Board should put forward a warrant article in 2017. The current veteran credits equate to \$0.175 on the tax rate (using the figures from the 2015 MS-1). There has been talk throughout the state that 50% of the veterans do not currently qualify for the Standard Veteran Tax Credit. The Board tabled this item until the next agenda.

(b) 2017 Budget – Capital Reserve Fund. There is currently \$8,000 in the Assessing Statistical Update fund. Discussion took place regarding costs and a need for a full field review to be conducted in 2018. The Board decided to ask for \$18,500 based on the fact one proposal indicated a \$25,000 cost for the update and an additional \$20,000 for a full field review.

4. Old Business – None.

5. Correspondence – **(a) Tax Exemptions/Credits.** The Board reviewed the following tax credits for recertification (these are all existing tax credits):

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Mr. Fogg moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 35, Lot 31. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 56, Lot 44. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 198, Lot 16. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 126, Lot 4. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 180, Lot 8. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 153, Lot 45. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 109, Lot 43. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 41, Lot 1. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 110, Lot 35. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 74, Lot 18. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mr. Fogg moved to approve the Veteran Tax Credit for Map 113, Lot 26. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

(b) Annual Assessing Contract – The Board signed a three year Annual Assessing Contract from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 with R.B. Wood & Associates.

(c) Intent to Cut Forms. Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the Intent to Cut Forms filed for Map 89, Lot 2 and Map 214, Lot 2. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

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(d) Sales Information. Ms. Bickford will email the document this morning to Rosemary Stewart, Dennis Tyler, David Lee and Steve Brown.

6. Administrative Matters. (a) Board Minutes. Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2016 as written. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

7. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment- Mrs. Twombly commended the Board for a good meeting which she found very educational.

8. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mrs. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Bickford
Assessing Technician

Approval of Minutes:

Rosemary Stewart, Chairperson

Relf Fogg

Dennis Tyler