

Selectmen and Board of Assessors meeting minutes for 06/04/2024

In attendance: Willie Ingraham, Joshua Larrabee, Jeffrey Stevens, Ivy Larrabee, Jacky Binette, Hans Schmidt

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Joshua Larrabee

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Voted all in favored for approval.

The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Jacky proposed we change the title of our meetings from "Selectmen Meeting" to "Selectmen and Board of Assessors Meeting." All the Selectmen voted in favor of this change.

RE account #486 was notified of the denial on the abatement request. We will be moving forward with the new assessment value.

RE Account #589 has submitted a homestead application. This was denied as the account and deed are listed in a business name. Businesses are not approved for homestead exemptions.

RE Account #282 is listed and deeded under a business name as well. The homestead exemption will be removed. All Selectmen voted in favor of this change.

Jacky spoke the Certified Ratio Declaration has been submitted. We are declaring 88% this year for homestead reimbursement.

PP account #114 mail has been returned as undeliverable. Through research we have found this resident is no longer in the area. House was sold March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. This bill should not have been sent out. The Selectmen voted all in favor of processing an abatement for \$65.45.

Jacky asked about the Howard/ Littlefield lot. This has been recorded with the Registry of Deeds and will be removed as "Town Owned/ Exempt". This will be included in the 2024 tax commitment.

Jacky asked about B&M railroad regarding personal property. The Selectmen spoke that there is nothing there for them to tax, it was just the actual rails.

Jeffrey reviewed RE 582 in regards a permit that was pulled to move a tiny cabin. This has not been completed.

Josh reviewed RE 77 in regards to a permit pulled for a garage to be built. This has not been started.

Ivy gave Jacky a mock letter to send out for town revaluation bids. She is reviewing this and will make changes as needed.

Ivy contacted Sandra Greeley as noted in the previous meeting regarding the roadside mowing bid. Roy said he felt the bid was fair and would be in to the Selectmen meeting to review and come up with a plan.

PP account #55 was present in the meeting in regards to his past due bill. He feels he is being overtaxed. Josh presented the previous years that have been abated. Resident and Selectmen came to an agreement to pay \$100 a month until the account has been paid in full. This will exclude interest, and total \$497.42.

Josh was unable to get in touch with the Unity Selectmen to discuss an agreement with the Weed Road maintenance. He will try again.

A resident came complaining about Frye Mountain road. She said when the road was graded the tar was ripped up as well. This will be reviewed.

RE Account #481 came in and stated she and her husband had been taxed on a garage that didn't exist for 25 years. They had previously spoken to Galen. She claims she was told by Galen that if they were to build a garage, he would not tax them for 5 years to make it fair. She asked if this offer still stands. Ivy spoke to the Selectmen for this request. The Selectmen said with no documentation of this discussion and nothing recorded in the account notes this would not be something they would approve.

RE Account #503 was informed multiple times about past due taxes. Residents stated they would come in and review a payment plan with the Selectmen at this meeting. They did not come.

We received a bid from the MDOT for salt from New England Salt for \$73.85 a ton delivered. Josh noted that previously we have used this salt and it as a different quality. Harcros was bought out by Eastern Salt Company. They have quoted us \$85 a ton delivered. Ivy will make phone calls this week to review these options with the Selectmen.

Frye Mountain Riders requested documentation on road access. The Selectmen had previously approved this. These are signatures for the State of Maine for this approval.

Josh noted we will be started road work that was listed on the road plan by the end of June, into July.

Tom Piersiak called Josh discussing the Kelsey cemetery mowing. The roadside in front of the fencing had not been taken care of. Josh called Tim Parker for this request. Tim agreed to do this for us from now on.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm