

TOWN OF DUNBARTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES MEETING April 19, 2016

Present: Mary LaValley

Bryan Clark Jacques Belanger

Scott Marsh, Municipal Resources, Inc. Janice VandeBogart, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Mary LaValley and Bryan Clark welcomed Jacques Belanger to the Board. Scott Marsh from Municipal Resources, Inc. introduced himself to the new member.

Minutes of Meeting:

The Board reviewed, approved and signed the minutes of the March 15, 2016. The minutes of November 17, 2015 were signed by Mary LaValley.

For the Record: Items reviewed, approved and signed by the Board previous to the meeting:

- Intent to Cut Timber: Bryan & Kelly Comeau, 1191 Gorham Pond Road, A2-01-05
- Intent to Cut Timber: Robert & Ellen Allwood, 282 Strk Highway North, H3-01-03.

Elderly Exemptions:

- While conducting a routine review of the elderly exemptions, it was found that Alma Kingsbury no long qualified to receive an elderly exemption. Therefore, upon recommendation from MRI, the board voted to remove the exemption from G4-01-02.
- Scott Marsh from MRI presented the board with an application for Elderly Exemption from Judith Champagne, B4-04-04, stating that she qualified to receive this exemption. The board voted to approve the exemption.
- Scott Marsh from MRI presented the board with an application for Elderly Exemption from Beverly McDonnell, K1-02-03, stating that she qualified to receive this exemption. The board voted to approve the exemption.

Applications for Veteran Credits:

- Susan Boyd (& Ralph Leary), E5-03-02, Robert Rogers Road. It was the recommendation from MRI that this application be denied because Ms. Boyd did not qualify for a Veterans Credit. The Board voted to DENY this application.
- Matthew & Michelle Fitzgerald, E5-03-03, Robert Rogers Road. It was the recommendation from MRI that this applicant qualified for a Veterans Credit. The Board voted to GRANT this Veterans Credit.

• David Naualer, H5-02-01, Gile Hill Road. It was the recommendation from MRI that this applicant qualified for a Veterans Credit. The Board voted to GRANT this Veterans Credit

Veterans Credit Conversion:

The Veterans Credit presently in place for K1-02-03, Beverly McDonnell, was converted from a Veterans Credit to a Spouse' Veterans Credit upon the recommendation of MRI.

<u>Abatement Requests</u>: It was noted for the record that the following property owners have applied for an abatement. A letter went out to each from Scott Marsh from Municipal Resources, Inc. on April 11, 2016 asking for more information:

- Kathryn Schumacher, B5-03-03, 210 Kimball Pond Road
- Steve Singer, E3-02-24, 115 Mansion Road
- Howard MacCubbin, E3-05-06, 1007 School Street.

As soon as the requested information is received, Mr. Marsh will return to the board to discuss each one.

<u>Timber Tax -</u> The Following Certification of Timber Cut and Timber Tax Warrants were reviewed, accepted and signed:

- Stone Trust, F4-02-01
- Stone Hammond, B4-03-05
- Anthony & Laura Cattabriga, E2-02-09

Intents to Cut Timber and Intent to Excavate

- The Board reviewed, accepted and signed an intent to cut Timber for Stone Trust, Judith Stone, Trustee, F4-02-01.
- The Board reviewed, accepted and signed an intent to Excavate from Kara Realty, H2-02-06.

Invoices: The following Invoices were approved for payment:

- Mitchell Municipal Group: \$103.44
- Mitchell Municipal Group: \$45.08.

Tax Exemptions for various non-profit properties:

The following applications for exemptions were reviewed, accepted and granted:

- St. John's Episcopal Church, H3-01-04
- Dunbarton Historical Society, H3-01-05

The board signed letters of approval for each.

Current Use Penalty:

Walter & Mary Neuman, I4-02-12, located off Zachary Drive. This property recently sold which made it less than the required 10 acres to stay in Current Use. Upon recommendation from MRI, the fair market value of the property at the time of disqualification was \$115,000. Therefore, the penalty was calculated to be \$11,500. The board accepted this recommendation and signed the warrant.

Nicolaou vs Town of Dunbarton: The board reviewed a notice from the Board of Tax & Land Appeals (BTLA) regarding Nicolaou vs Town of Dunbarton. Scott Marsh stated that he met with Mr. Nicolaou recently and Mr. Nicolaou wanted the town to put a zero value on his house on lot D3-03-01, 3 Mansion Road. The Town had already changed it but Mr. Nicolaou wasn't satisfied so he filed again to the BTLA. After some discussion, the Board of Assessors agreed to have Scott Marsh contact Mr. Nicolaou to see if a settlement could be agreed upon.

The following items were reviewed by the board:

- Two letters from the Department of Revenue Administration, regarding the recent assessment review.
- Notice from the Dunbarton Ethics Committee.
- Notice from the Dunbarton Tax Collector to the BTLA regarding the mailing of the last final tax bill for 2015.
- Legal correspondence from Mitchell Municipal Group regarding NHEC & PSNH/Eversource.

Election of Chair:

The motion was made by Bryan Clark to appoint Mary LaValley Chairperson of the Board of Assessors. The motion was seconded by Jacques Belanger and the vote was in the affirmative. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

| Mary LaValley, Chairperson | |
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| Bryan Clark | |
| Jacques Belanger Dunbarton Board of Assessors | |

Recorded by: Janice VandeBogart