

## TOWN OF DUNBARTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES MEETING

June 29, 2021

**Present:** 

Mary LaValley, Chair Bryan Clark Jacques Belanger

Janice VandeBogart, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

It was noted that this special meeting was posted on the town website and at the Dunbarton Town Office.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 28, 2021 were approved and signed by the Bryan Clark and Jacques Belanger.

<u>Applications for Solar Abatements:</u> The following applications were received on March 26, 2021 for Solar Abatements:

- Dana Lavoie, 70 Twist Hill Road, lot #D6-05-12
- Matthew Delude, 30 Samuels Court, G3-01-10

The deadline for filing for a Solar Exemption was March 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore it was recommended by Municipal Resources, Inc. that the board deny both.

<u>Motion:</u> Mary LaValley made the motion to <u>deny</u> the above requests for Solar Abatements as recommended by MRI. The motion was seconded by Jacques Belanger; the vote was in the affirmative; motion passed.

<u>Application for Elderly Exemption:</u> An application for Elderly Exemption was reviewed. It was recommended by Municipal Resources Inc that this application be denied because the applicant did not meet the requirements for an Elderly Exemption as adopted by the Town of Dunbarton.

<u>Motion:</u> Mary LaValley made the motion to <u>deny</u> the above request for an Elderly Exemption as recommended by MRI. The motion was seconded by Jacques Belanger; the vote was in the affirmative; motion passed.

<u>Land Use Change:</u> The board reviewed the land use change involving lots G3-03-03 in the name of 131 North Stark Highway Realty Trust. It was noted that Wayne Mills transferred Lot G3-03-03 to his son Matthew, with the intention of transferring the remaining two lots G3-03-03-1 & G3-03-03-2 into the Trust of the abutting lot G3-03-02. This would have avoided any current land use penalty when lot G3-03-03 was transferred to Matthew J. Mills.

Through no fault of the property owner, there was a two-week delay to correct the new deeds, to complete the same day transaction. Therefore, Wayne B. Mills is asking for a waiver from the Town to forgive the current land use penalty on two vacant lots G3-03-03-1 & G3-03-03-2.

At this time Jacques Belanger stepped down from any discussion or decision due to a conflict of interest.

<u>Motion</u>: The motion was made by Mary LaValley to grant a waiver for the current land use penalty regarding Lot #G3-03-03-1 & G3-03-03-2 in the name of Mills Family Realty Trust. The motion was seconded by Bryan Clark and the vote was all in favor. Motion passed.

<u>Application for Abatement:</u> An application for a 2020 property tax abatement on lot I3-01-11 in the name of David & Dana Crowell, 342 Stark Highway North was reviewed. It was recommended by Municipal Resources, Inc. that the assessment on this property be lowed by \$58,900 resulting in a tax return of \$1,312.29.

<u>Motion:</u> Mary LaValley made the motion to <u>grant</u> the request for an abatement for I3-01-11 in the name of David & Dana Crowell, as recommended by MRI. The motion was seconded by Jacques Belanger; the vote was all in favor, motion passed.

<u>Application for Proration:</u> Regarding property at 9 Jean Drive, lot H3-04-13 in the name of James W. Murphy. It was noted that due to a recent fire at this property, the owner has filed under RSA 76:21, an application for an adjustment to their assessment. Municipal Resources Inc. recommended that the property assessment be reduced from \$294,400 to \$103,800, which would result in a return of \$2,123.28.

<u>Motion:</u> Mary LaValley made the motion to <u>grant</u> the request for a reduction in assessment on lot #H3-04-13 of \$190,600, due to a recent fire, as recommended by MRI. The motion was seconded by Jacques Belanger; the vote was all in favor, motion passed.

<u>Application for Abatement:</u> An application for a 2020 property tax abatement on lot E4-01-04 in the name of Russell & Catherine Dumont, Robert Rogers Road. It was noted by Municipal Resources Inc. that this is a vacant parcel and was merged to the abutting lot. Therefore it is MRI's recommendation that this abatement should be granted and the tax amount of \$45.67 be refunded.

<u>Motion:</u> Mary LaValley made the motion to <u>grant</u> the request for an abatement on Lot E4-01-04 as recommended by MRI. The motion was seconded by Bryan Clark; the vote was all in favor, motion passed.

<u>FairPoint Communications:</u> The Board signed the settlement agreement between FairPoint Communications – NNE (CCI) and the Town of Dunbarton.

**Eversource Abatement Application:** The Board reviewed the application for an abatement from Everysource and George Sansoucy's response to their requests.

<u>DRA Study:</u> The Board reviewed correspondence from the NH Department of Revenue Administration regarding their plans to conduct an Assessing Study with various towns in the state.

<u>Utility Property Inventory:</u> The Board reviewed letters which were sent to all the Utility Companies regarding updates required by the town for Inventory of Utility Property in Dunbarton. All information will be forwarded to Utility Appraiser, George Sansoucy.

<u>PA-28 Form:</u> Correspondence from the NH Department of Revenue Administration regarding the use of the form PA-28, Inventory of Taxable Property was signed and will be return to DRA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm

Mary LaValley, Chair	
Bryan Clark	
Dunharton Roard of Assessors	

Recorded by: Janice VandeBogart