

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT**

May 10, 2010

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Sarah Reynolds Dave Cunningham and Simon Dean.

1. The Board reviewed the minutes of their 4-26-10 meeting. Reynolds made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dean and passed unanimously.
2. The Board signed the monthly list of motor vehicle abatements for April and the monthly list of Real/Personal Property abatements for April for Levy of 2009 and 2010.
3. The Board signed the Fiscal Year 2011 Locally Assessed Utility Values.
4. The Board reviewed and approved an invoice from Alice Wozniak, and two requests for reimbursement for parking and mileage expenses related to a workshop attended.
5. The Board reviewed and discussed an apportionment for a Chapter 61 Property that changed hands several times. It was discovered that a taxpayer received a \$10,000.00 Chapter credit, yet there was no Chapter 61 application by him. The Board will have their Consultant look into this.
6. The Board discussed farms and personal property, and decided to keep them on the computer and make them inactive, as the Board previously voted not to tax farms for personal property.
7. The Board discussed concerns they have with their Consultant. The Secretary stated that she had a conversation with Joe Barbieri from DLS, and that he cautioned the Board not to switch Consultants in a reval year, and that Bishop has gotten the Town through several revaluations. Dean stated that he would still like the Board to write a letter to Barbieri, noting their concerns, so that if any problem arises later, it is documented. After some discussion as to how to proceed, Cunningham stated that he will call Bishop and tactfully mention their concerns, and will ask that Bishop provide the Board with a list of all properties he has visited, and a list of all changes that have been made to any properties this year, so that everything is documented.
8. Cunningham told the Board that he has not yet purchased Access, but that he will do so soon.
9. The Board discussed the valuation of unregistered recreational vehicles which were sent personal property tax. The Secretary stated that a camper recently came into her office questioning his valuation and asked how the value was determined. The Secretary explained that she was notified by Bishop that in the past, the Board did these themselves. The Board decided to make a site visit to the campgrounds in order to determine the value of the RV's, and set up a date of Saturday May 22nd at 9:00 a.m. The Board will also visit the property of a taxpayer, who requested a reassessment of her property. The Secretary will let both the campground owners and the taxpayer know of the Board's visit.
10. The Secretary showed the Board a letter that the previous Board had written to the Registrar, requesting that the Registry of Motor Vehicles use Town Codes in order to cut down on the number of excise bills mailed to wrong towns due to incorrect mailing address and place of garaging. It was unclear as to whether this letter was sent or any action taken on it, so the Board agreed to have the Secretary draft a similar letter, which they would sign and send to the Registrar.
11. The Board reviewed their building permits report and their Comp Report.
12. The Board reviewed a GIS workshop notice and asked the Secretary to register Dean, Cunningham and herself to attend. Reynolds had a conflict and could not make it.

Business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made by Reynolds and seconded by Dean to enter into Executive Session, with the intent of not returning to open meeting, in order to deliberate on pending abatement applications, pursuant to MGL ch. 59:60.

Roll Call:

Voting yes: Reynolds, Cunningham, Dean.

Voting no: None

Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlene Millett,
Assessor's Secretary