

Charlemont Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2009

Present: Carol A. Rice, Michael E. Kane and Andrea Santos

The meeting was convened at: 6:25 p.m.

The Board of Assessors read and approved the minutes for March 11, April 8, and April 22, 2009.

A letter to the Board of Assessors and the Board of Selectmen of Shelburne Falls about change of garaging forms was read aloud and approved. Change of garaging forms were signed to be submitted to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Motor Vehicle Excise abatements in the following amounts were voted and approved: \$42.50, \$56.25, and \$93.75. Abatement certificates 1245-1247 were approved and signed. Motor Vehicle Warrant and Commitment #7 for 2008 in the amount of \$597.13 was voted and signed. Motor Vehicle Warrant and Commitment #2 for 2009 in the amount of \$25,315.93 was voted and signed. Motor Vehicle Warrant and Commitment #3 for 2008 in the amount of \$5,960.60 was voted and signed. A monthly list of Motor Vehicle Excise abatements for April 2008 in the amount of 203.12 was voted and signed. A monthly list of Motor Vehicle Excise abatements for April 2009 in the amount of 519.48 was voted and signed.

The building permits and Comp report for April was reviewed. Ms. Stegner discussed the conversation that she had with Virginia, the Administrative Assistant for the Town of Hawley. The town of Hawley is concerned about a recurring Town line issue. Hawley and Charlemont have an agreement on what and where the town line is, but the official records are not consistent with this agreement. They are concerned about a pending request from Berkshire East to construct a power-generating windmill, as Hawley has strict guidelines for approval of wind turbines; the town line bisects Berkshire East's property. Ms. Stegner showed the Board the information that Virginia had provided and the Board discussed the issue at length. The Board resolved to request a meeting with the Board of Assessors of Hawley to hammer out a strategy on how to proceed in solving the problem.

The Board of Assessors were informed of a request for a home inspection and a request for a hardship application. An application form 3ABC, for tax exempt status, was not returned by the due date. The Board of Assessors unanimously voted to inform the entity that for fiscal year 2010, they will not be tax exempt. An abatement application from a home owner concerned about the unsightliness of a neighboring property was denied. The monthly list for Real Estate abatements for the month of April was voted and signed in the amount of \$0.00. Two administrative abatements in the amounts of \$737.65 and \$100.77 were voted and approved by the Board as uncollectible. Real Estate Abatement certificates 614-616 were reviewed and signed by the Board.

An administrative abatement application for personal property was tabled to be included with all other administrative abatements on personal property for campers. A Personal Property and Farm Animal and Machinery Excise Warrant and Commitment for FY 2009 were voted and signed by the Board. Revised form letters to be included with the second Form of List mailing during the summer were signed by the Chairman. A revised form letter and application for Farm Status were approved and signed by the Chairman.

A form that is required by CAMA in order to view the entire property record card on-line was approved and signed by the Board. A letter to the accountant denying release of the overlay funds was signed by the Chairman. The corrections to the Assessors' budget requests were reviewed, voted and signed by the Board to be submitted to the Finance Committee. The summer meeting times were decided on

and a notice was drawn up and signed by the Board. A letter to the Board of Selectmen denying a request for a key to the Assessors' office was reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

All advertisements, publications and communications were reviewed by the Board and filed.

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held May 27, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Bree Stegner

Secretary