

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Board of Assessors

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm in the Town Hall Office, Lee Whitcomb , Malcolm French and Russell French present
- read minutes of 7/3/2019, approved as read 2-0

New Business

- paid last of FY2019 bills and 2 bills for FY2020
- granted 1 CY2017 farm vehicle excise abatements and 10 CY2019 motor vehicle excise abatements
- Russ received a letter reminding him to renew the Ethics Test
- reviewed June deeds
- have preliminary copy of Karson & Betch FMP

Lee reported on Finance Team meeting on Monday, we are aiming to submit for the tax rate on or before Sept. 1

- reviewed the MIIA insurance valuations for the Town buildings
- there will be a meeting on Aug. 29 for compulsory management issues
- Tom has revived the proposed Town Academy education program for our townspeople for this fall and our date would be Thursday, Oct. 10, shortly after bills are issued
- Lee proposed that we put an article on the next Town Meeting warrant to change our effective date of assessment from the Jan. 1 prior to the fiscal year taxed to July 1, the first day of the fiscal year taxed. This will be easier for property owners to understand and will allow us to do our site visits for new growth in the spring months

Old Business

- the conversion dates are changing. Lee attended training in Middlefield July 17 and Conway will host training session Sept. 9-11 and 17 in the Library conference room; new iasWorld program seems very complex at this point, but will undoubtedly become easier with use (hopes Lee) and handles some data differently than our CSC program, such as determining depreciation by effective age and condition, and grade is not a central factor
- still haven't heard anything from either Roy Bishop or Ethan Gyles regarding negotiations on the Nexamp PILOT agreement
- worked on new growth calculations
- briefly discussed the timing for a trainee for the Adm. Assessor position, in relation to the training on the new valuation program and its conversion process; probably better to hold off until after the intensive 6-month conversion period while Lee is learning a whole new program
- the letter from Great River Hydro that we received telling us of \$2m in work last year was forwarded to our consultant, Roy Bishop, for his determination on any new growth for FY2020

Moved at 6:50 p.m., [(M m, L 2nd), voted 3-0] to continue this meeting as may be necessary to finish calculating new growth in a timely manner for FY2020

- nothing new on the 2 large solar arrays

Next meeting will probably be Thursday, August 1 at 5:00 .pm.