

Thursday, July 3, 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 6/20/2019, approved as read 3-0

New Business

- reviewed this week's real estate listings- nothing new
- June sales report is not yet in from the Registry of Deeds, but the Corse and Lawless houses and the Michaelson/Talbot house all sold recently
- reviewed the June building permits
- discussed the Community Preservation Act as several residents have asked about how it might be discontinued due to its large current balance and lack of activity. Lee contacted BLA advisor David Guzman and he sent the information
 - rate can be lowered by Town Meeting vote
 - surcharge can be ended by Town Meeting vote and ballot referendum
 - any remaining funds can be used only for activities that would be eligible for funding under CPA
 - both actions rely on there being sufficient fund for and applications already granted
- Lee explained about the senior outreach program being brought forward by the Council on Aging and the friends of Conway Trust, in order to have quick, efficient communication in times of disaster or urgency; Assessors are involved in helping to identify neighborhoods
- worked on new growth calculations
- plan to do a site visit to the Antes Farm on Saturday, per Quentin's request

Old Business

- the conversion dates are changing. Lee will be attending the training in Middlefield July 17
- working on end-of-year financial matters, encumbrances
- our requests for transfer from the Reserve Fund were granted
- we had further communication from David Barker about their difficulty in reaching their forester to amend the earlier plan #068-11095; Lee replied by e-mail and the Board read and discussed the issue – it is not the responsibility of the Board to contact someone's forester if they cannot or to call a meeting among the parties
- haven't heard anything from either Roy Bishop or Ethan Gyles regarding negotiations on the Nexamp PILOT agreement

Moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m., (L m, R 2nd), voted 3-0

Next meeting will probably be Thursday, July 18 at 5:00 .pm.