

- Meeting called to order at 5:20 pm in the Town Hall Office, Lee Whitcomb, Malcolm Corse and Russell French present
- read minutes of 9/19/2019, approved as read 2-0

**New Business**

The tax rate was approved on Friday, Sept. 20, setting it at \$18.76 for FY2020. Signed the three tax warrants: \$\$265,581.47 for PP, \$4,721,689.32 for RE, and \$90,218.48 for CPA surcharge. Conway is the 15<sup>th</sup> tax rate to be approved state-wide and the 2<sup>nd</sup> in Franklin County.

FRCOG and the DLS are offering a Budget and Tax Recap Workshop in Greenfield on Oct.3. Lee is planning to attend. There will be no Board meeting that evening.

If the Festival of the Hills asks for a display from the Board, we will do the usual small display with sales information, rates, various hand-outs and forms.

Signed warrant for MVE 2019-5, \$9,749.89.

Had a letter from the New England Church of God (with poster and photographs) detailing their use of their property on Roaring Brook Road this summer.

There may be a Special Town Meeting in November or December.

Accepted Antes Farm's application for Ch 61A with Forest Management Plan, already APR land.

**On-Going Business**

Reviewed listings, no new listings or known sales

Granted and signed 2 motor vehicle excise abatements this week

Our valuation data is now available to us in "test" mode and Lee has started working with the program on-line. Cathy Marques, MassIT advisor, will be here on Monday, Sept. 30 wot work in-house for training and working out any transfer glitches. We will not be disabling our CSC system for a number of months as the FY2020 valuations for the bills to go out in a few days are all there and will be needed for abatements, etc., and until each account has been compared between the systems in every detail and any adjustments made to the iasWorld values to meet our CSC "legacy" values.

Received and accepted renewal Forest Management Plans for Bram/Fruitman (420-3.2, 3.5) and W.D. Cows (417-7); will run 1/1/2020-12/31/2029.

Received and accepted 54 Chapter enrollment renewals.

Dave Milewski from Donnegan Systems, Inc. came in with his proposed floor plan for rolling storage in the vault. He and Lee reviewed the drawing and changed a couple of details. He will return in a few weeks with a final drawing and a quote for the job.

Talked about the State's Community Compact IT Grant program again, as Malcolm was not here last week to hear about it. The application deadline is Oct. 16 and Lee is working with Tom Hutcheson to develop a proposal for our office. Items suggested so far: (1) a second keyboard/monitor station at our second desk so that both staff can work at one time (will also help in teaching the new trainee when we get to that), (2) a site visit data tablet from Tyler that interfaces directly from notes (photos, measurements, etc.) made out in the field with our computer, (3) shelving for vault, (4) one or more of the GIS upgrades that CAI has offered. Costs being gathered.

Discussed again the problem of agricultural lands falling out of use, will try to keep a list of them this year for next year's Chapter considerations.

**Old Business - none**

Moved at 6:45 p.m., [(Lm, M2nd), voted 3-0] to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will probably be Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.