

**Board of Assessors Minutes  
September 18, 2008**

**Members Present:** Arlene Fogg, Chairperson; Relf Fogg; David Stevens and Cynthia Bickford, Assessing Technician.

Arlene Fogg called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**MS-1**

Ms. Bickford presented the MS-1 prepared by Rod Wood to the Board. Rod Wood had been in Tuesday to download the new values for the 2008 tax year. Ms. Bickford explained she has not had a lot of time to look it over but overall believes land values increased and building values decreased. There were also a few changes in the linear foot frontage prices of lake front property.

**Old Business**

A discussion took place regarding the property owned by Sarah Benet on Karen Way. At the prior meeting a motion was made to send the letter prepared by Helme, Cole & Smith to Town Counsel for review. Mr. Fogg had asked after the meeting that the information not be sent to Town Counsel, instead he would review it and offer his opinion to the Board. Mr. Fogg stated he felt it was his duty to take additional steps to review the information prior to spending tax payers dollars. Ms. Bickford had requested additional information from the registry for the research.

Mr. Fogg believes the Town should place a legal public notice seeking claim of ownership of the area in discrepancy in order to see if anyone comes forward. He added typically there is a 60 day period of which people could come forward.

Ms. Bickford states she would like to see the Board send the information to the Town Attorney for review and wonders if the Town can require a survey of the area in question by the landowner.

Mr. Stevens moved to send the information to Town Counsel for his review and legal opinion on the situation, Mr. Fogg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**St. John's Community Day School**

Ms. Bickford stated Rod Wood reviewed Joe Fluet's calculations and had computed ones of his own. Mr. Wood used the UFF area as stated on the assessment card, see computation below:

1541 sq feet (UFF) X .90 (% used by CDS) = 1423 sq ft  
1423 sq feet X \$89.30 (sq ft cost as stated on assessment card) = 127,064  
\$127,064 (assessment of UFF) X .52 (100% - 48% depreciation) =  
\$66,073 taxable value of UFF used by CDS

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Ms. Bickford states that the tax rate has not been set for the Town of Wakefield at this time so we are unable to calculate a tax figure.

Mr. Fogg moved to use the figures prepared by Rod Wood in order for taxation of the St. John's Community Day School, Mrs. Fogg seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Correspondence**

**Budget**

Ms. Bickford indicates she has received the figures from Avitar Associates for 2009 Support. The figure is \$3,465.00. Mrs. Fogg moved to increase the software/programming budget line to include \$3,465.00, Mr. Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**NH – DRA**

The Board signed the letter from Linda Kennedy, Department of Revenue Administration stating Wakefield will not be using the PA-28 Form for the 2009 tax year (Inventory Form).

**Verizon Abatement**

The Board reviewed the memo submitted by Rod Wood regarding the request of an abatement for the Verizon Right of Way, per the ruling of Verizon vs. City of Rochester. Mrs. Fogg moved to abate the 2006 lien for Verizon, Mr. Fogg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Timber Tax Warrant**

Mr. Fogg moved to approve the timber tax warrant in the amount of \$582.41, Mrs. Fogg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Minutes**

Mrs. Fogg moved to approve the minutes of September 4, 2008 as written, Mr. Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Discussion – Assessing Cooperative District**

Mr. Fogg stated he spoke with Peter Olkkola who would be interested in learning more about a cooperative district. The Board will contact the Town of Ossipee to see if there is any interest in a cooperative district for assessing services.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Stevens moved to adjourn at 9:10 a.m., Mr. Fogg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Bickford  
Assessing Technician

Approval of Minutes:

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Arlene Fogg, Chairperson

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David Stevens

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Relf Fogg