

Board of Assessors
July 19, 2018

Members Present: Kenneth Paul, Chairperson; Dennis Tyler; Rosemary Stewart and Cynthia Bickford, Assessing Technician.

Mr. Paul called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Kelley Collins, Town Administrator; David Lee and Donna Martin, videotaping.

Appointments – (a) Dan Gilmore, Lake Ivanhoe Inn & Campground. Mr. Gilmore met with the Board regarding the outstanding taxes on numerous sites. He stated the main issue is when people who leave without paying the taxes, the bill follows the site and not the person which owes the tax. He provided two examples, site 39 and site 52. Ms. Bickford explained she does not verify if taxes are paid, therefore if a site did not pay the property taxes and either moved out of the campground or moved to a different site the outstanding taxes currently stays with the site number. There is no easy fix for the situation. Mrs. Stewart indicated the State of NH has created this, and in her opinion it is more work to assess some of these trailers than the amount of money the Town receives; but this is not an option.


Ms. Collins referred to the state statute which indicates it is a misdemeanor to move these trailers if the taxes are unpaid. It is her recommendation to start charging these people with a misdemeanor in order to get paid. Ms. Collins reiterated it is not about the money and/or the taxes, it is about equity.

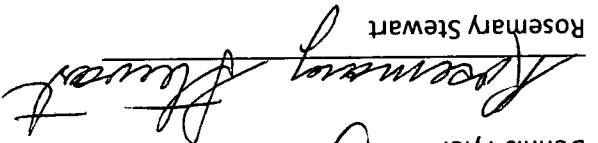
Mr. Gilmore believes he has a good solution moving forward, it's the two previously cited which have left the campground. He questioned registration requirements and indicated moving forward he will require the RV's to be registered with a valid registration. Discussion took place regarding the potential issue with adding additional site numbers for unpaid taxes. Ms. Bickford inquired if the campground could implement taking copies of drivers licenses so we have current information on RV owners. Mr. Paul suggested using the site number along with the tax year. Mr. Gilmore was directed to contact the Wakefield Town Clerk regarding registration requirements as a non-resident.

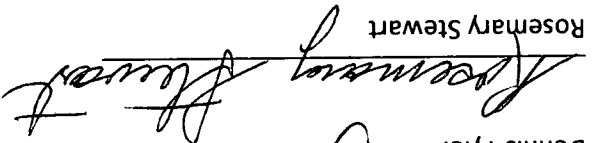
Mr. Gilmore was asked if he provides an eviction notice to campers who have not paid the seasonal fee and are asked to move. He stated he does not at this time. It was suggested the campground use an eviction notice and indicate if there are outstanding taxes owed and unpaid, this is considered a misdemeanor in the State of NH and once the RV is moved this information will be handed over to the Wakefield Police Department to prosecute. Ms. Bickford provided Mr. Gilmore with RSA 80:2-a.

Mr. Paul moved to send site 52 to the Wakefield Police Department as a misdemeanor for the outstanding 2015. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. It was reiterated the Assessing Office does not verify if taxes are paid prior to processing any changes within the campground.

Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment – None.


Kenneth S Paul, Chairperson


Dennis Tyler


Rosemary Stewart

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(d) Non-Public Session: None.

Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment – None.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Mrs. Stewart moved to adjourn at 8:50 a.m. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Bickford

Assessing Technician