

**Board of Assessors
October 18, 2018**

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

Mr. Tyler 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; Connie Twombly, Selectmen Liaison and Donna Martin, videotaping.

Appointments – None.

Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment – Ms. Collins informed the Board the tax rate has been set and is \$11.26 for 2018, she provided the members with copies of the documents. Discussion took place regarding the new assessments and the tax rate. Mrs. Stewart does not believe there will be many abatements since the increase was spread out throughout the Town and the tax rate is down. Ms. Collins indicated the abatement process is for inequity, not because you think your taxes are too high.

Mrs. Stewart stated properties have been selling above assessed values. As long as everyone is paying their fair share and the property is assessed according to use, she does not believe there is anything else they can do.

Ms. Bickford reminded the Board there was an increase in the base rate for year-round homes, the base rate increased from \$70.00/square foot to \$110.00/square foot.

The Board discussed the different land values.

New Business – (a) Property Values. Ms. Bickford indicated the Board had signed the MS-1 and the Net Valuation without Utilities has increased \$190 million. As discussed at the last meeting, the utility valuations have increased approximately \$8.5 million.

(b) Pilot Agreement. The Board began to review the Pilot Agreement with Frisbie Memorial Hospital, the agreement expires at the conclusion of 2018. Mrs. Stewart believes the entire Town benefits from the services they provide.

Mr. Tyler inquired about the “credit” and the medical services offered to the Town Employees. Ms. Bickford indicated the services are primarily used by the Police and Fire Departments. Ms. Collins indicated the immunizations are a condition of their employment and if the employee has insurance there still may be deductibles. A new employee physical can cost as much as \$300.00 for a fire fighter and the Town would typically pay for these fees. Ms. Collins also reminded the Board the medical center is not putting any children in the school system, so a big part of what the organization is not

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paying is the school portion of the rate. Ms. Collins also does not believe the Town should ask an employee to pay for the immunizations, if it is a requirement of the job. The Board tabled this item until next month.

Old Business – None.

Correspondence – None.

Administrative Matters. (a) **Intent to Cut Forms.** Wakefield Tax Map 193, Lot(s) 7, 8 and 9. Mr. Tyler moved to approve the Intent to Cut forms previously mentioned. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed 2-0.

(b) **Timber Warrant.** Timber Tax Warrant for Map 41, Lot 9 which also includes a Supplemental Intent to Cut. The landowner asked the logger to remove additional wood around the home. The timber has already been removed and the totals of the supplemental are included in the Report of Wood Cut. The Board signed the Supplemental Intent to Cut. The Board then reviewed the Timber Warrant in the amount of \$1,620.25 which includes Map 41, Lot 9 and Map 149, Lot 8. Mr. Tyler moved to approve the Timber Warrant. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

The Board then reviewed a second Timber Warrant in the amount of \$107.78 for Map 47, Lot 32. Mr. Tyler moved to approve the Timber Warrant. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

(c) **Reschedule November 22, 2018 Meeting.** Ms. Bickford indicated the next scheduled meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day and asked the Board to reschedule the date. Mr. Tyler moved to reschedule the meeting to Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

(d) **Board Minutes September 18, 2018.** Mr. Tyler moved to approve the September 18, 2018 minutes as written. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

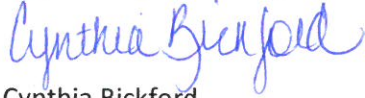
(f) **Non-Public Session:** None.

Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment – None.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Tyler moved to adjourn at 8:35 a.m. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

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Respectfully Submitted,



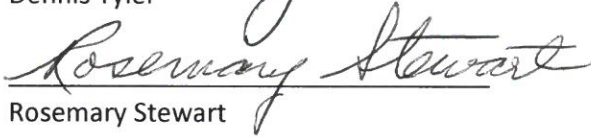
Cynthia Bickford
Assessing Technician

Approval of Minutes:

Kenneth S Paul, Chairperson



Dennis Tyler



Rosemary Stewart

