

**Board of Assessors  
July 29, 2021**

**Members Present:** Relf Fogg, Chairperson; Kenneth S Paul; Rosemary Stewart and Cynthia Bickford, Assessing Technician.

Mr. Fogg called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and those who chose to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance did so.

**Appointments** – None.

**Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment** – The Board by consensus decided to continue with Zoom for the regularly scheduled meetings.

**New Business** – None.

**Old Business** – Application for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots – Map 179, Lot 61. Ms. Bickford provided additional information including the most recent deed and the wording of prior deeds, as well as information located in the Building Permit File. Mrs. Stewart recommends the property owner supply additional information.

Mrs. Stewart moved to inform the owner they will need to have a title search done on the land back to before the land was merged. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

**Correspondence** – None.

**Administrative Matters - (a) Intent to Cut Forms.** The Board processed Intent to Cut Forms filed for the following: Map 58, Lot 50; Map 52, Lot 1 and Map 178, Lot 4.

**(b) Exemptions/Tax Credits** – Map 179, Lot 71 and Map 201, Lot 49 are both existing tax credits. The owners have reapplied due to the fact the ownership has changed from individual ownership to a revocable trust. Mr. Fogg moved to sign the amended documents for the tax credits discussed. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

The office is working on both Exemptions and Tax Credits for the recertification process. A letter was sent to the owner of Map 212, Lot 11 on May 28, 2021 and no response was received. A second letter was mailed on July 2, 2021 indicating this was the second and final request. The owner returned the letter dated May 28, 2021 on July 23, 2021 which noted the owner had moved. Based on the NH drivers license submitted along with the letter this was confirmed. Mrs. Bickford indicated since the property owner was not a resident as of April 1, 2021 the tax credit should be removed.

Mr. Fogg moved to remove the tax credit. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. A letter will be mailed to the property owner indicating the tax credit will be removed for the 2021 tax year.

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**(c) Abatement Application(s)** – The Board had already agreed to settle the 2019 appeal with Map 179, Lot 15 (Northern New England Telephone) and the offer was extended to settle the 2020 appeal in the amount of \$1,027. Mrs. Stewart moved to settle the 2020 appeal in the amount of \$1,027.00. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. The Board had previously authorized Mr. Fogg to execute the settlement agreement.

**Map 180, Lot 30.** Mr. Wood met with the Representative, Michael Correia with Ryan LLC on June 15, 2021. At that time, Mr. Wood had requested additional information, including lease amounts for areas leased prior to the purchase of the property. To date, no additional information has been received. Mr. Wood's recommendation is to deny the Abatement Application. Mr. Fogg moved to deny the Abatement Application based on Mr. Wood's recommendation. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

**(h) Board Minutes** – July 1, 2021 Minutes. Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the July 1, 2021 minutes as written. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

**(f) Next Meeting Date.** August 26, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

**Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment** – Mr. Miller commented about FMH Health Services LLC. He feels Wakefield was made promises that were not kept. The new owners of the facility have closed the walk-in care and feels this is all about greed. It's a disservice to the town.

**Non-Public Session:** - Mrs. Stewart moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Mr. Fogg seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Fogg – 'aye'; Mr. Paul – 'aye'; Mrs. Stewart – 'aye'. The motion passed 3-0, and the Board immediately entered Non Public Session.

The Board returned to public session at 9:10 a.m. During the immediately preceding Non Public Session the Board discussed land use, land use change tax and current use.

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**Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mrs. Stewart moved to adjourn at 9:11 a.m. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Bickford  
Assessing Technician

Approval of Minutes:

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Relf Fogg, Chairperson

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Kenneth S Paul

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Rosemary Stewart