

**Board of Assessors  
October 29, 2020**

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

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

Also present: Jim Miller ran the video and the Zoom meeting.

**Appointments** – None.

**Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment** – None.

**New Business** – **(a) Appeal from Consolidated Communications.** Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company has filed an appeal regarding their assessment. The appeal information has been forwarded to George Sansoucy (Contracted Utility Appraiser).

**(b) Warrant Article for the Statistical Update.** Ms. Bickford informed the Board of the pricing from the contract and specifically the additional options within the contract. It was reiterated that the reason for the warrant article was to raise and appropriate smaller amounts over a period of years to pay for the service. The warrant article did not pass last year and if the article continues to be voted down the taxpayers will pay for the total sum in one year in the overall budget.

Mr. Fogg moved to put forward a warrant article in the amount of \$12,533.00 for the Assessing Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

**Old Business** – **Application for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.** Map 179, Lot 61 – a letter was mailed last month requesting additional information and to date no response has been received. The Board has asked that a second letter be mailed to the applicant requesting the information within 60 days, the letter should indicate this information is critical for the decision-making process.

**Correspondence** – **a) Removal of Lake Access – Map 9, Lot 55.** Ms. Bickford indicated Attorney Ganz requested this item be tabled to the next meeting. The Board agreed by consensus.

**Administrative Matters** - **(a) Intent to Cut.** None.

**(b) Tax Credits and Exemptions. Map 92, Lot 8 - Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption.** Due to COVID-19 the Assessing Office has been very cautious of scheduling appointments. Mr. Wood conducted a site visit on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 and indicated the applicant qualifies for the exemption (photo attached). Mr. Fogg moved to approve the Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption based on the recommendation of Mr. Wood. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

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**(c) Land Use Change Tax Warrant. Map 92, Lot 46.** A building permit was issued back on May 21, 2020 and the owner has submitted a new current use map indicating a 3.2 acre building site and 10.3 acres will remain in current use. Mr. Wood has valued the 3.2-acre site at \$40,000 with a \$4,000 Land Use Change Tax. Mr. Fogg moved to approve the Land Use Change Tax Warrant in the amount of \$4,000. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

**Map 233, Lot 11.** The owners submitted an updated current use map in order to move forward with building a family compound and want to start excavating immediately. Based on the map submitted the homesite will have its own driveway and septic. The owners will remove an additional 2.4 acres from current use. Mr. Wood has valued the second homesite (family compound) at \$20,000 with a \$2,000 Land Use Change Tax. Mr. Fogg moved to approve the Land Use Change Tax in the amount of \$2,000. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

**(d) Abatement Application(s) – None.**

**(e) Board Minutes – September 24, 2020.** Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the September 24, 2020 minutes as written. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

**(f) Next Meeting Date.** November and December meeting schedule. The Board discussed options for the upcoming meetings falling either on or before a holiday. Mrs. Stewart moved to cancel the meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 26, 2020. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. The Board then decided to meet on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. (which will replace the meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 31, 2020). Ms. Bickford indicated the meeting information will be posted on the website.

**Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment – None.**

**Non-Public Session: - None.**

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mrs. Stewart moved to adjourn at 8:35 a.m. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Bickford  
Assessing Technician

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Approval of Minutes:

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Rosemary Stewart, Chairperson

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Relf Fogg

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Kenneth Paul