

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT**

September 22, 2014

Members Present: Jacqueline Cashin; Chair, Sarah Reynolds, Karen LaClair.

The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m.

1. The Board reviewed the minutes from their meeting of 9/8/14. On a motion by Reynolds and seconded by Cashin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.
2. The Board reviewed a bill schedule for their workshop Thursday. Millett noted she had approved the payment in order to expedite the payment. Millett gave the Board their registration forms; it was agreed they would carpool.
3. The Board reviewed and signed 2014 motor vehicle commitment #5.
4. The Board revisited the issue of the address of the Charlemont fairgrounds. Reynolds had discussed with the Fire Department that E-911 records showed the address to be 54 Route 8A North, which could cause considerable confusion for emergency personnel. At this time, it is unclear as to what the procedure for changing the address was; the Board will follow up with Fire Department and the E-911 Coordinator.
5. The properties of James Heist were revisited. Millett noted that she contacted the Registry of Probate and requested copies of the will and petition for probate in order to determine who to assess the taxes to. It was discussed that assessment to a deceased person was not valid; they should be assessed to the heirs and/or devisees of the deceased.
6. The Board reviewed the deeds and building construction for August, 2014.
7. The upcoming MAAO fall conference was discussed; none of the Assessors would be attending.
8. The Board reviewed and discussed a request for First Sets of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents received from MCI regarding their pending ATB appeals of 2004-2015. It was noted that although the requests were sent both to the Board and the Commissioner of Revenue, the Board uses the values set by the Commissioner and posted online, so it wasn't clear what they would be expected to provide in these requests. Millett will check with the other Boards who are part of the appeal to see how they are handling this. There is a status conference hearing on October 20th at 10:00 a.m.
9. Millett explained that there is a property ownership dispute between Vicky Seavey and Molly Scott. Seavey recently purchased property on Warner Hill Road, which although it was conveyed by Ms. Scott in 1973, and then three more times since, the ownership was never changed, Scott was still being assessed the taxes and believes she still owns the property. Both parties have set up a meeting for this Friday at 1:00 p.m. to review the tax maps and deeds of this property. Millett noted she would like an Assessor there as well, as the debate has gotten quite contentious. Cashin said she would try to attend the meeting.
10. Reynolds and Millett will attend the All Board Meeting at Hawlemont after their Executive Session meeting.
11. At 7:29 p.m., on a motion by Reynolds and seconded by Cashin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn their meeting.

At 7:29 p.m., on a motion by Cashin and seconded by Reynolds, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session with the intent to not return to open meeting afterwards, in order to deliberate on pending abatement and/or exemption applications.

Roll Call:

Voting yes: Cashin, Reynolds, LaClair

Voting no: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carlene Millett,
Assessor's Secretary

List of Documents Viewed in Public Meeting of September 22, 2014*

1. Minutes from Assessors meeting of 9/8/14.
2. Bill Schedule for Assessor's training workshop, dated 9/15/14.
3. 2014 motor vehicle commitment #5, dated 10/9/14.
4. Deeds for August, 2014.
5. MAAO fall conference flier for October 23, 2014.
6. Building construction for August, 2014.
7. First Sets of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents received by MCI, dated 9/18/14.

***Documents are stored in their respective files in the Assessor's office.**