

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
P.O. BOX 135
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Minutes from the Board of Assessors meeting held: May 11, 2010

Handwritten signature and date: 6/18/2010

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm. Present: Ernie Sund , Fred Liatsis - Board Member, Harald Scheid, Regional Assessor, and Louise Paquette- Administrative Assessing Assistant. Not Present: Chris Comeau - Chairman Also present: Assessor Candidate: Matthew Papini, Sr. of 77 Pratt St.

Board reviewed and approved current expense vouchers, abatements, payroll & minutes.

Town Clerk, Kathryn Herrick submitted to office a certified copy of the Article that was passed at Town Meeting on May 1, 2010. The article states:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to retain the services of a qualified firm to conduct field audits of all personal accounts pursuant to a Department of Revenue mandate that all such accounts be audited at least once every nine years.

Louise informed the Board that she was told by Munis that less support will be available using the current version 7.0 software package with Munis. David has contacted Vadar Systems, Inc. for a proposal. Harald stated that maintenance & support is less costly. Many of the towns associated with RRG use this software and they are quite pleased with its performance. Presently, Lunenburg uses an integrated system to handle the accounting and assessor's (billing) and collecting. The Accountant has been satisfied with Munis but Louise stated that on the Assessor's side it is not user friendly. Ernie suggested "key" people need to get together and review the quote that Vadar puts on the table. Louise will inform Jeff Upgalde and Kerry when we receive the proposal.

The Board reviewed and approved Chapter Liens for Padula/ Shirley Realty Trust/ 137 Leominster / Shirley Rd and 1501 Rear Lancaster Avenue for Agricultural Land 61 A. Also reviewed and approved: Recreational Land Tax Lien 61B for 484 Mulpus Road / Berube, Stephen, Linda & Dennis. Louise will submit liens to Registry of Deeds for recording.

Discussion regarding Emerald Place and Tri-Town project. Ernie stated that he along with Associate Assessor David Manzello visited the site. Presently, there are nine buildings (condo's) up and he stated that the project seems to be moving quickly. He suggested that the Assessors should go out by the end of June to start photographing to capture the growth. Ernie stated that he has viewed the Tri-Town development and that project is moving quickly as well. Presently, there have been 68 permits received.

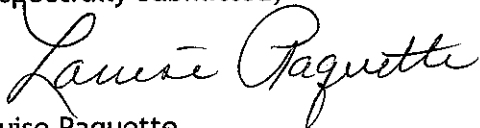
Louise reported that the FY 10 Statutory Exemption report for state reimbursement has been completed, signed, (Board Signatures) filed and received by the State.

Three Supplemental Real Estate bills for FY10 with the committed amount of \$4,994.41 were mailed on May 2, 2010. Louise reported that the properties had completed their building renovations and had occupancy permits prior to January 1, 2010.

Harald discussed his upcoming contract renewal. He stated that he has been in touch with Town Manager, Kerry Speidel and she wishes to wait until after Town Meeting to discuss the process. Regarding the association with Ashby, the Board expressed again that they wish to keep the present contract intact. They also stated that it would take a Town Meeting vote to disengage with the present association with Ashby.

Next meeting date changed to Tuesday, June 8th at 5:30 pm.
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Paquette". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Louise Paquette
Administrative Assessing Assistant