

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2014, 7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Chairman Smith

Assessors present: Benjamin Smith and Richard Danforth. Michael Pushard was absent but excused.

Others present: Scott Tilton (Town Manager), Jaqueline Robbins (Assessors Agent), Ted Gardner and Randy Magee.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Scheduled Items:

A. Review and Approve Tax Abatements:

None

B. Review and Approve Supplemental Assessments:

None

C. Taxation of Narrow Gauge RR Line to Unknown Owner

The Assessors discussed the possibility of assessing the land formerly used by the Kennebec Central RR. The rail line has been abandoned but the property still appears as land on the Chelsea Tax Maps. Some work has been done to research this issue but it was felt that a decision regarding the status of this land needs to be made. The Assessors Agent will use the information already available to Chelsea along with her own research and prepare a recommendation to the Board of Assessors.

D. Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement Application

The Assessors Agent presented the Assessors with the annual form from Maine Revenue Services requesting Chelsea declare its tax assessment and reimbursement ratio for the upcoming commitment at 100% or 108%.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Danforth to declare to the State of Maine an assessment ration of 100%. The vote was unanimous.

E. Review timetable for 2014-15 Tax Commitment

The Assessors Agent reviewed the progress being made in completing the work required to commit taxes for collection. She explained that new value being discovered or reported would add to Chelsea's valuation. The work is nearly complete. Commitment and tax billing could be accomplished by the end of July

F. Appeal to Board of Assessment Review

An appeal by Peter and Shelley Hanson has been submitted to the Board of Assessment Review. A hearing date and time is being scheduled.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.

Approved by the Chelsea Board of Selectmen on June 11, 2014.

Benjamin Smith

Richard Danforth

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Michael Pushard