

ASSESSORS MEETING
TOWN HALL
ROOM 202
OCTOBER 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. Present were Anne Dunn, Tom Donnelly and Nancy Shea of the Board, and Assistant Assessor James Judge.

The Board reviewed and signed various applications for tax exemptions.

The Board reviewed and approved office bills.

Mr. Judge briefed the Board on a settlement proposal the Town received from Verizon Wireless to resolve pending Appellate Tax Board litigation. The cases at issue go back to 2004 and the settlement would resolve issues relating to valuation of Verizon's assets through the current year. Other wireless companies with pending litigation against the Town have also indicated that they are willing to settle on the same terms. After discussion, Tom Donnelly moved that the Board accept the settlement offers. Nancy Shea seconded the motion. The Board:

VOTED: Unanimously to accept the settlement offer from Verizon and other wireless telecom companies.

The Board reviewed and discussed an Appellate Tax Board decision involving a property on Oak St.

The Board reviewed a plan for Map 89 Lot 10 received from the Town Clerk.

The Board reviewed the sale of Map 37 Lot 44-2 to the Town. The tax on this property will be abated pro rata from the date of the sale.

The Board reviewed an inquiry from the Town Administrator's office regarding an offer to sell Chapter 61 (agricultural) land to the Town. The Board determined to take no position on whether the Town should acquire the property, and approved Mr. Judge's draft response to that effect.

The Board approved the Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2009.

Mr. Judge reported on the status of efforts to make Kingston's tax maps available to the public via a link on the Town's website. The Board anticipates that the tax maps will be made available on the website for a one-time cost of \$250, with no annual cost going forward.

The Board discussed the Finance Committee's request for a 3% reduction in the Department's proposed budget for Fiscal 2011.

Nancy Shea reported on the presentation about exemptions made by herself and Jeannie Loverro at the Senior Luncheon in September. The seniors had numerous questions and the presentation was well received.

Various publications were circulated for Board review.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 24, 2009 at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Shea