

Agenda

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

November 17, 2009

At 2:00 p.m. the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose and Sara Young-Knox. Also present were Lee Grant and Josephine Belleville of the Department of Revenue. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved October 27, November 4, November 10 minutes
- Signed checks
- Reviewed & approved two building permits
- Reviewed & approved one pistol permit
- Reviewed & approved timber intent
- Reviewed & approved two septic designs
- Reviewed & tabled one elderly exemption—need more proof of income
- Reviewed Notice from NHDES
- Reviewed letters from Hastings
- Reviewed correspondence from Time Warner
- Reviewed e-mail from Dean Eastman of NHDOT
- Reviewed Primex correspondence
- Reviewed letter from NHDOT
- Reviewed letter from US Bankruptcy Court
- Reviewed tax rate setting information

Josephine Belleville (DRA-Property Appraisal Division):

Josephine (JoJo) came before the Board to inform them of how the cyclical assessment process works. She described her job and explained how she does it. After the town wide revaluation that was done by Avitar Associates in 2005. Since then, Northtown Associates, Albany's contracted assessors, have reviewed Avitar's data, one quarter of the town each year. Now that the assessors have finished four cycles, they will review all data next year, look at sales in our area, categorize the sales and adjust the tables and assessments accordingly. JoJo's job is to look at all the assessing practices to make sure the data is accurate. She suggested that Albany get a bond from Northtown Associates next year in case for any reason, something went wrong, the Town's expense would be covered.

Jack asked JoJo how the National Forest calculates how much they will pay in PILT (payment in lieu of taxes). JoJo will contact Linda Kennedy of the Department of Revenue to inquire about that as she was not sure.

Miscellaneous:

Jack would like to have something put in writing on the building permit application that would inform the applicant that by signing the application, they are authorizing the assessors to inspect that property and building. Peter Malia will be asked to research its legality.

Sara Young-Knox would like to see Albany's zoning ordinances tightened so that any camping trailers situated on a lot for more than six months at a time must be taxed and must be hooked to an approved well and septic system.

Jack would like to see fees doubled for those who build a structure without a building permit and receive a building permit after the fact.

At 3:50 p.m. Jack made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant