

**TOWN OF ROWE - BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**Meeting Minutes – Thursday, January 16, 2020 – 5:30pm**  
**Rowe Town Hall – Selectmen’s and Assessors’ Meeting Rooms**

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**Present:** Assessors Rick Williams and Ellen Miller

**Absent:** Assessor Herb Butzke, Assistant Assessor Colleen Avallone

**Call to Order:** Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

- 1) Franklin Land Trust:** Attended informational meeting with Selectboard and Emily Boss and Alain Peteroy of the Franklin Land Trust. Land in Rowe to be included in application for conservation restriction (CR):

Owner/Lot	Acreage	Excluded Acreage	Total Acreage to be under CR
<b>BETTY HICKS</b>			
408-003	78.0	No exclusions	78.0
TOTAL	78.0		78.0
<b>MOLLY SCOTT</b>			
409-002	41.0	4.309 (Parcel A) + 2.954 (Parcel C)	33.737
409-003	31.0	No exclusions	31.0
TOTAL	72.0		64.737
<b>JEAN-CLAUDE VAN ITALLIE</b>			
408-032	114.0	10 acres (garage exclusion)	104.0
408-034	36.0	No exclusions	36.0
408-035	137.0	4 ac (house), 4 ac (potential bldg. site)	129.0
409-004	20.0	No exclusions	20.0
TOTAL	307.0		289.0

The two lots to be excluded from Molly Scott’s 409-002 parcel have already been surveyed out. The 4-acre house lot of Van Itallie’s 408-035 parcel does not have to be surveyed out, but the 4-acre potential building lot to be excluded from that lot, and the 10-acre lot to be excluded from lot 408-032 will likely be surveyed out and made new parcels.

The CRs would put certain restrictions on the properties; i.e., development, hunting/no hunting, snowmobiles/no snowmobiles, etc. A CR does not affect the taxation of the property, such as putting land in Chapter 61 does. The Selectmen have the authority to negotiate terms of the CRs and approve/disapprove the CRs. This was preliminary meeting only. No formal submittal of CR applications took place.

Land in Charlemont is also included with this project. In total nine families are participating. A trail system will be developed on the CR land and the land will be open to the public. Rick offered that since some of the Rowe land being planned for CR abuts Rowe Park land, that perhaps the two trail systems could be linked.

*[The Assessors left the room and continued meeting in the Assessors’ conference room.]*

- 2) **ATB Hearing Dates:** Notices were received from the Appellate Tax Board that hearings for two Rowe matters before the ATB have been scheduled—one for Tues, April 21 at 9:30am and one for Wed, May 13 at 9:30am. Both hearings will be in Boston. The Board voted to send copies of these notices to both our consultant and our attorney in the two matters.
- 3) **Gill Question re Appraisal Contracts:** Received a request from the Gill Assessors for information concerning jointly contracting between two or more towns for appraisal contracts. Rick will respond to their request.
- 4) **FCSWMD:** Jan Ameen of FCSWMD has requested a copy of our LA4 for FY20. The solid waste district uses this information to determine the number of households in each of the district towns. Rick will email her a pdf of the form.
- 5) **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb 4 – 9am
- 6) **Adjournment:** The Board adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen B. Miller

Approved: *FN Williams* 3-2-20  
Frederick N. Williams, Chair Date

*EB Miller*  
Ellen B. Miller

[absent]  
Herbert G. Butzke

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For	Item	Due Date
FY20	Act on senior tax exemption applications	3 mths from receipt
FY20	Act on tax abatement applications	3 mths from receipt
FY21	FY21 Preliminary Budget	12/6 - DONE
FY21 Tax Rate	Charlemont/Rowe Town Line Adjustment: Create new parcels & adjust maps as needed.	30 June 2019
FY21 Tax Rate	Boyd Dwelling (402-050): Is this a second home? Owners live in Charlemont. Son lives in Rowe house.	30 June 2019
FY21 Tax Rate	Community Preservation Act: Should town set one up? PM3 is researching and asking for BOA opinion	30 June 2019
FY21 Tax Rate	Molly Scott Subdivision – 409-003: Once deed is received from FCRD determine needed mapping changes.	30 June 2019