

TOWN OF ROWE - BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes - Saturday, May 25, 2019 – 9:00am
Rowe Town Hall – Assessors' Meeting Room

Present: Rick Williams, Ellen Miller and Herb Butzke; Assessors' Clerk Sandy Daviau

Audience: None

Call to Order: Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of April 10 regular session were unanimously approved.
2. **FY19 Budget—Payables:** Current FY19 balances: Ops: \$53.57; Wages/Stipends: \$6,338.88. All outstanding invoices are on HOLD for the time being:
 - FY20 CAI Tech Inv. #7325 WEB GIS Support 7/19/19-6/30/20 \$ 2,400.00 - HOLD for FY20
 - FY19 GES: Inv 22195-IN – Professional Services rendered \$2,983.50 – HOLD per GES*
 - FY19 GES: Inv 22177-IN-A – Professional Services rendered \$2,282.18 – HOLD per GES*

*GES will calculate charges per abatement applicant (NEPCO, Bear Swamp, GRH) and then by town share, and will then re-invoice the towns.
3. **FY19 Budget—Request for Line Item Transfer:** The Board voted unanimously to submit a line item transfer request to the Selectmen for the transfer of \$1,000.00 from 01-5-141-000 Assessors Stipends/Wages to 01-5-141-400 Assessors Operations. The current balances in those accounts (before transfer) are \$9,338.88 (141-000) and \$58.57 (141-400).
4. **CAI Tech—WebGIS Support (Axis/GIS):** Annual Maintenance Agreement for Axis/GIS. HOLD for FY20.
5. **CAI Maps/New parcels:** Need Location IDs and map changes for four new parcels that need to be created due to Charlemont/Rowe town line boundary change in the Tatro/Legate Hill Road Area. Matter unanimously TABLED.
6. **Chapter 61A—Newman Application Renewal:** FMP received. Form 61A still needed. Mr. Newman sent in 61B by mistake. Sandy was asked to have him attend a meeting.
7. **New Deeds/Plans/etc.:** Reviewed the following deeds. Due to significant difference between current town value and sale price of Berry/Duval lot, Herb will contact the seller to discuss possible reason for variance so we can determine proper sale code.

From	To	Address	Book/Pg	Map/Lot	Curr Value	Sale Price	Code
Berry, Prudence Wilson, Douglas	Duval, Paul & Kimberly A	Stone Hill Rd	7333-30	402-051.1	\$ 56,600	\$ 39,000	?
Besgen, K. Peter & Anne E	Besgen, K. Peter & Anne E Trustees	198 Hazelton Rd	7353-145	404-012		\$ 1.00	NAL-N
York, Laurene	York, Laurene Trustee	2 Dell Rd	7353-182	408-002		\$ 1.00	NAL - N

8. **Building Permits—April 2018:** Reviewed the following building permits. Sandy has entered information on property cards.

Name	Address	Map/Lot	Permit #	Improvement	Value
Reed, Robin	48 Hazelton	203-043	R-19-0227	Re-roof house; repair chimney	\$ 24,924
Miller, Deborah	163 Ford Hill	202-043	R-19-0226	Replace chimney brickwork	\$ 7,000
Larned, Lance	26 Newell Cross	202-042	R-19-0209	Roofing, siding, windows	\$ 1,200
Mason, Tara	23 Pelham Dr	201-047	R-19-0156	Insulation	\$ 3,000
Rowe ComChurch	278 Zoar	203-015	C-19-0225	Renovations	\$ 10,900
Town Fiber Hut	325 Zoar	204-009	G-19-0050	Propane	

9. **MVE Applications of Abatement:** Unanimously approved the following application:

FY	Type	Owner	Bill #	Vehicle	Reason	Amount
2019	MVE	Robin Reed	243	2005 Chevy	Cancelled plate	\$ 68.75

10. **MVE Monthly List of Abatements:** Unanimously approved the following abatement:

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2019	MVE	Robin Reed	243	2005 Chevy	Cancelled plate	\$ 68.75

11. **2019 RMV Commitments:**

- a) **Second-A (Re-commitment):** Unanimously approved in the amount of \$61.25.
- b) **Third:** Unanimously approved in the amount of \$4,205.87
- c) **Ninety-Nine—Farm Plates:** Unanimously approved in the amount of \$1,091.25. This commitment is for plates held by Christopher Brown, Robert Rice and James Williams.

12. **Executive Session Under c.30A Sec. 21(a), Item 3:** At 10:05am, by roll call vote (Rick aye, Herb aye, Ellen aye) the Assessors entered into executive session under c. 30A, Sec. 21(a), Item 3 to discuss strategies with respect to litigation as the chair declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the board concerning the valuation of hydro-electric facilities, to invite our contracted appraisal firm GE Sansoucy LLC to attend via phone conference, and to reconvene in open session.

13. **Reconvene in Open Session:** At 11:30am the board reconvened in open session.

14. **Assessors' Clerk Position:** Advertisement will be developed for filling vacancy due to Sandy's retirement June 30th.


15. **Next Meeting:** Week of June 3rd. Rick will be out of town and will participate by phone.

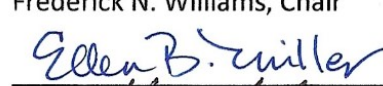
16. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:47am.

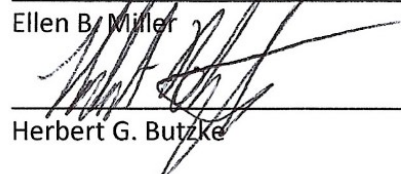
Respectfully submitted,

Ellen B. Miller

Approved:


 Frederick N. Williams, Chair
 Date 6.6.2019


 Ellen B. Miller


 Herbert G. Butzke