

# TOWN OF ROWE - BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2020 – 5:15pm – Zoom Virtual Meeting

Meeting was held via audio/video conference, consistent with Gov. Baker's temporary modifications to the Open Meeting Law.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair called meeting to order at 5:15pm.
2. **Present:** Rick Williams, Chair; Ellen Miller (remote) and Herb Butzke (remote), Assessors; Colleen Avallone (remote), Asst Assessor
3. **Minutes:** Minutes for Feb 4 (ES), Feb 6 (ES), Feb 21 (Reg & ES), Mar 2 (Reg & ES), Mar 14 (Reg & ES), Apr 7 (Reg), May 5 (Reg) – awaiting submission for review.
4. **FY20 Budget/Payables:** Motion made and seconded to approve payment of a GES invoice for work related to Bear Swamp ATB appeal for \$8,178.87. Motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye). Inadequate funds remain in Consulting/Legal account to pay remaining GES invoice for work related to GRH ATB appeal for \$1,020.40. Motion made and seconded to submit Line Item Transfer form to transfer \$1,000 from Asst Assessor Wages account to Consulting/Legal account. Motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye).

Acct	Acct #	7/1/2019	Curr Bal	Payroll/Payables	Amount	New Bal
BOA Stipends	05-3-141-000	\$ 5,354	\$ 1,338.47			\$ 1,338.47
Asst Assessor Wages	05-3-141-110	\$12,000	\$ 9,368.10			\$ 9,368.10
BOA Operations	05-3-141-400	\$ 9,600	\$ 656.88			\$ 656.88
Consulting/ Legal	03-5-141-901	\$50,000	\$ 8,318.40	GES invoice – BS	\$ 8,178.87	\$ 139.53
Quin Reval/Ann Updates	03-5-141-902	\$ 7,200*	\$ 0.00			\$0
Hydro Valuations	03-5-141-903	\$ 14,000	\$ 0.00			\$0
T&D/ROW Valuations	03-5-141-904	\$ 5,000	\$ 0.00			\$0
BOA Overlay	01-1-230-217 218, 219, 220	\$114,981.90	\$312,999.78			\$312,999.78

\*\$3,600 carryover plus \$3,600 FY20 appropriation

5. **IGR 20-6 (COL adjustments for FY21 Senior Exemptions):** BOA voted at May 5 meeting to recommend the town adopt local options for annually increasing: 17D exemption amount, 17D asset limits and 41C income and asset limits. Assessors reviewed suggested wording for town meeting warrant articles prepared by Rick which will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.
6. **MV Excise Warrant:** Motion made and seconded to approve MVE 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 Commitment for \$710.88. Motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye).
7. **2019 Annual Map Updates (for calendar year Jan-Dec 2019):**
  - a) **Deeds/Plans:** They have been sent to CAI and have been returned.
  - b) **Larned, Newell Cross Rd:** Deed Bk 3713, Pg 214 dated 12/22/2000 describes Map 202, Lots 41 & 42 as one lot, however the property card was never updated. Motion made and seconded to combine Map 202-041 and 202-042 into one lot 202-042 with 2.04 acres. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye). Request will be passed on to CAI.
  - c) **"New" Lots on Tatro Rd:** CAI incorporation of Charlemont survey plans created four new (very small) lots along the town boundary with Charlemont in the Tatro Road area. Rowe's AxisGIS map was updated with this change in 2018. New property cards will be created for each of new lot.

8. **FY21 RFI/FOL/New Growth:**
  - a) **Bear Swamp:** Extension to 6/1/2020 granted at May 5 meeting.
  - b) **Great River Hydro:** All information has been submitted.
  - c) **National Grid:** Form of List has been submitted. Extension to 7/1/2020 for filing remaining information was granted at May 5 meeting.
  
9. **ATB Appeal Cases:** Cases have been continued to a date in the summer or fall due to COVID-19 pandemic.
  
10. **FY23 BLA Directives Progress:**
  - a) **Update/Submit in DLS Gateway:** Rick completed this on 4/23/2020.
  - b) **Utility Land:** Power company land will need to be appraised by GES rather than using town land values for the FY23 REVAL.
  
11. **Executive Session:** Executive Session under MGL c. 30A, §21(a)(7) was not needed.
  
12. **Adjournment:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye).

Respectfully submitted,  
 Ellen B. Miller

Approved: FW Williams 12-29-20  
 Frederick N. Williams, Chair Date

Ellen Miller  
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[Signature]  
 Herbert G. Butzke