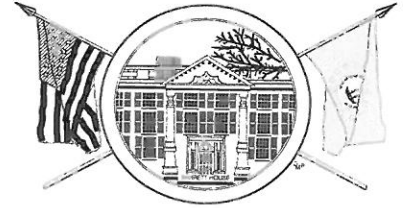


TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

661 Turnpike Rd New Ipswich NH 03071

Board of Assessors



BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2020

Present via Zoom: Jim Coffey, Jeanne Cunningham, Danielle Sikkila
Scott Butcher, Town Administrator

Jeanne & Danielle were sworn in prior to the start of the meeting.

The Board took roll call attendance and reviewed the minutes of March 17, 2020. Jeanne made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Danielle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Danielle made a motion to elect Jim as Chair. Jeanne seconded the motion.

The Board agreed to have Debbie sign all documents voted on during meetings until the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

Jim read the Governors Emergency Order #25 which allows a board to do a blanket abatement of interest and penalties for late payment of taxes. The board discussed the implications of this and decided to take no action at the moment. Scott informed the Board if this is implemented, it could affect the finances of the Town. Taxpayers would have no incentive to pay their taxes on time so the Town could be forced to take a loan to meet their expenses (including payments to the school department), which would in turn, cost the taxpayers more money in the end. The Board will revisit this in June.

Jim read a response letter he has written to Christine Greenwood regarding her Disability Application stating the Board cannot approve an exemption if the applicant does not own the property. The Board agreed to have Debbie send the letter.

The Board reviewed and approved the following (authorized Debbie to sign):

Veterans-Orosz, Map 11/61 (2 applications, husband & wife)

Veterans-Boucher, Map 7/61-C

Veterans-Power, Map 3/6

Yield Tax-Koivula, Map 6/20B-GRAVEL

Intent to Excavate-Koivula, Map 6/20B-GRAVEL

Yield Tax-Kuusisto, Map 9/2-GRAVEL

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The Board decided to run the Tax Warrant as soon as possible to give taxpayers additional time to pay the bill which will be due on July 1, 2020.

Jim updated the Board on the settlement of the Fairpoint Abatement. Tim St. Onge will be contacting Jim or Debbie to update them on his findings.

Debbie read a letter from Pastor Michael Martel, Community Christian Church. Mr. Martel states his property should be under exempt status for religious purposes and in 2011, the Board of Assessors removed two outbuildings from exempt status stating they were not being used for religious purposes. The Board decided they need to look into the property and exemption RSA's further to make a decision.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 10:00am via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Jeanne Cunningham

Jim Coffey

Danielle Sikkila