

Middlefield Board of Assessors Meeting

July 19, 2014

Open Meeting

Board members present:

Gita Jozsef, Chair

Laura Lafreniere, Clerk

Ann Marie Visconti, Secretary

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 9:50 a.m.

Reviewed the mail/e-mail. Received mail for our annual dues.

Reviewed minutes from 06/21/2014 meeting. Ann Marie made a motion to accept the minutes from 06/21/2014 meeting. Gita seconded. All voted in favor.

Reviewed updated data collection manual. Gita included additional building style photos and permit application information that is entered into assessors CAMA system. Laura made a motion to accept data collection manual. Ann Marie seconded. All voted in favor. Gita will submit for review to our DOR field supervisor.

Upon request, Conservation Commission provided assessors with copies of submitted forest cutting plans. Three properties enrolled in Chapter 61B program did not submit the required Forest Management plans to the Board of Assessors. Gita contacted the service forester, Sean Libbey, at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), who approved the cutting plan. He told Gita that to do commercial logging on properties enrolled in 61B program, the cutting plan must be accompanied by a certified forest management plan. He also told her that the onus to do so is on the property owner.

Other business:

Discussed and voted unanimously to request Selectboard's permission to seek Town Counsel re how to proceed in cases where personal property may not have been fully disclosed in accordance with MGL 59, Section 29.

Assessor's office will be closed on 07/26/2014 due to prior commitments.

Gita made a motion to close to meeting at 10:30 a.m. Laura seconded it. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Marie Visconti, Secretary