

Middlefield Board of Assessors Meeting

Saturday May 20, 2017

Open Meeting

Board Members Present: Laura Lafreniere, Clerk; Ann Marie Visconti, Secretary; Tamarin Laurel, newly elected member

[also attending: none]

Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:45am

Mail: Verizon attorney has appealed Personal Property tax. This comes every year to many towns. Laurie will wait to hear from AG & DOR about settlement made by state.

Minutes approved: April 22 Open Meeting & Executive Session accepted as written. Approved by Laurie & Ann Marie.

Re-organization of the board following May 6, 2017 election of Tamarin:

Ann Marie moves to appoint Laurie as Chair. Discussion: Tamarin willing to learn the jobs former chair handled, which would be a learning curve for either Laurie or Tamarin. Ann Marie and Laurie both assert that DOR would not recognize as chair someone who had not yet taken the Assessing 101 course (next offered in August). Based on that premise, Tamarin votes with Ann Marie to appoint Laurie as Chair. Laurie abstains.

Ann Marie moves to appoint Laurie as the board's Clerk. Tamarin concerned that too much of the jobs fall to one person, but willing to have the continuity of the same clerk, given the time of transition for the board. 2 vote for Laurie to continue as hired Clerk. Laurie abstains.

Ann Marie wishes to quit the task of Secretary (Minutes). Laurie moves to appoint Tamarin as Secretary. Ann Marie agrees. 2 votes for Tamarin as Secretary. Tamarin abstains.

Other Business:

Discussion of future tasks & schedule: Laurie will send a letter to taxpayers with outstanding building permits about Assessors' visit to determine added "New Growth" before the June 30th deadline for reporting new growth. Tamarin and Laurie can make those visits in the latter part of June.

Pay rates: Laurie had in a previous year suggested the town salaries for Assessor be in 3 tiers, based upon varied work levels. As Chair, she would move up to the top pay (FY17 \$4,000/yr). As newest member, Tamarin would be at the lowest, 2nd Member pay (\$2,000/yr), and Ann Marie would move up to the 1st Member pay (\$3,000/yr).

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Tamarin Laurel