

Middlefield Board of Assessors Meeting

July 18, 2013

Open Meeting

Board members present:

Gita Jozsef, Chair

Laura Lafreniere, Secretary

Others present:

John Richardson

Sherri Venditti

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm.

Reviewed the mail.

Reviewed the letter from Janine Savoy which she had filed with the Town Clerk on July 13, stating that she won't work on the "town maps" to avoid a conflict of interest since she is involved in a court "dispute over discontinued town roads, statutory private ways, easements, and private ways." Laurie said that the Assessors' maps are not town maps, rather they are tax maps to aid in determining taxable acreage in conjunction with surveys and deeds. Assessors have no role in determining the status of roads.

As Janine had disputed the secretary's draft of the May minutes, Laurie had emailed Janine on July 10 requesting copies of her recordings of the May and June BOA meetings. In her reply of July 12, Janine refused to provide the recordings.

Gita made a motion to approve the May 16th minutes. Laurie seconded, and all approved. Gita made a motion to approve the June 20th minutes. Laurie seconded, and all approved.

Reviewed Janine's draft of the Data Collection Manual. Gita said that much of this work, including the sections on condominiums and rental properties, does not apply to properties in Middlefield, and the software codes used are not compatible with our state CAMA program. As it was discussed during the March meeting, the Framingham Data Collection Manual was most applicable to our town. Gita made a motion to use the Framingham Data Collection Manual as our model, since it is user friendly, clearly written, they use the same CAMA program, and our DOR Field Supervisor agreed that it would be a better model. Laurie seconded, and all approved.

Reviewed and signed a Recreation 61B Chapter Land release.

Gita motioned to adjourn meeting. Laurie seconded, and all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Lafreniere, Secretary