



Warner Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 29, 2020

APPROVED

Preamble

Chairman Carson read the following into the record:

Good evening, as Chair of the Selectboard, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of Town of Warner government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Public Session

Attendance by teleconference: Selectman Clyde Carson – Chairman, Selectman Judy Newman-Rogers, Selectman Jonathan Lord and Town Administrator - Diane Ricciardelli

Others participating: Deb Moody – Assessing Clerk, Dave Marzaroff – Assessor, Martha Mical, Marianne Howlett – Tax Collector

2019 Abatement's

The Board met with Dave Marzaroff, Assessor from M & N Assessing to review his recommendations for 2019 abatements.

1. Chairman Carson made a motion to abate \$17,840 in taxable value for Map 3 Lot 72. Selectman Lord seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Carson – yes, Newman-Rogers – yes, Lord – yes.
2. Chairman Carson made a motion to abate \$69,360 in taxable value for Map 31 Lot 59. Selectman Lord seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Carson – yes, Newman-Rogers – yes, Lord – yes.
3. Abatement request for Map 32 Lot 001 will be overlooked because there was a previous settlement with the Town.
4. Chairman Carson made a motion to abate \$9,340 in taxable value for Map 29 Lot 13. Selectman Lord seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Carson – yes, Newman-Rogers – yes, Lord – yes.
5. Chairman Carson made a motion to abate \$4,260 in taxable value for Map 31 Lot 60. Selectman Lord seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Carson – yes, Newman-Rogers – yes, Lord – yes.
6. Chairman Carson made a motion to abate \$8,740 in taxable value for Map 20 Lot 6-7-2. Selectman Lord seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Carson – yes, Newman-Rogers – yes, Lord – yes.
7. The Board will take no action regarding the Eversource abatement request for 2019.

8. Dave said Market Basket filed an abatement request as well, but Dave, who has left (2) messages has not heard back from the representative from Market Basket. The Board wants Dave to send a letter to the representative by certified mail. Dave said the July 1 deadline will not impede whether the Board denies or approves the abatement as long as there is communication between both parties. A 10-day limit for a response will be provided to Market Basket; if no communication is provided the Board will deny the abatement request.

Current-Use Penalty

Dave said the Creed property was sold, which triggered a land use change tax. The current-use portion of the property sits in Salisbury, NH. Dave said there is no current use land from this property located in Warner, the portion in Warner is part of the 2 acre house site. Dave said the Warner property card did indicate current-use property, but, the current-use portion sits in Salisbury. He said the property in Warner should not have been taxed as current-use, tax dollars were lost to Warner because of that status. He said this was done back in the 1980's, Dave has since corrected the value of this property in Warner at \$5,000. No action is needed by the Board. Dave will submit an A5 form at the Registry for correctional purposes, the Board will need to sign this form.

Property Revaluation Hearing Schedule

Martha Mical asked if the Property Revaluation meetings could be arranged. Assessing Clerk, Deb Moody, said Dave will be sending out the letters to property owners by the end of this week. Appointments will be scheduled after July 4. Diane said a series of questions need to be asked to the property owners before they can enter the building. Diane will provide a copy of the questions to Dave so he can add it to the letter. Face masks will be required. Dave said appointments can be completed over the phone as well. The Board agreed the primary option will be appointments by phone calls. Marianne Howlett said her concern is the property owners will not be able to gather information about neighboring assessed values to defend their position. Dave said property lists can be uploaded on to the website. Dave will create 3 different types of lists in excel and PDF's to be placed on the Town's website. If property owners need copies of property cards they can call the Town Hall for those copies. Marianne suggested adding that information in the letter as well. Dave will work with Diane on the letter based on the input from this meeting. Dave talked about putting the property cards on the website for a nominal fee.

Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Roll call vote: Carson - yes, Newman-Rogers - yes, Lord - yes.

Board of Selectmen
Clyde Carson – Chairman
Judith Newman-Rogers
Jonathan Lord

Recorder of the minutes: Mary Whalen