

**Minutes
Board of Assessor's Meeting
January 23, 2012**

Members Present: John McSorley, Jason Neuman & Eugene Reed.
Others: Heidi Seaverns.

7:03 PM Chairman Reed called the meeting to order.

7:05 PM –Non-Public Session

Motion: Reed, second McSorley to enter non-public under RSA 91-A: 3 II (e).

Vote: Reed-yea, McSorley – yea, Neuman – yea. Motion passed: 3-0 in favor.

7:17 PM Motion: Reed, second McSorley to exit the non-public session.

Vote: McSorley – yea, Neuman – yea. Motion passed: 3-0 in favor.

Motion: Reed, second Neuman to seal discussion of non-public session.

Vote: 3-0 in favor, Motion passed.

Members agreed that Ms. Martin should draft a letter to the taxpayers with an appeal at BTLA indicating that the Town will not be making a settlement offer at this time. Members would like to review the letter before it goes out. On a related note, members requested that Ms. Seaverns contact the previous assessing contractor and again request information pertinent to this appeal.

The Board then addressed the correspondence file.

Members reviewed a request from the Tax Collector. He has two properties in Cedar Waters that are up for tax deeding. One of the properties has no value, which was confirmed in 2010 by the previous assessing contractor and no longer generates a tax bill. The owner of record and the other person of contact for this property are both deceased. All notices sent are returned and marked "Deceased". The other property is in a similar condition, according to the park owner. The notices for this property are returned unclaimed and efforts to locate the property owner have yielded no results. The Tax Collector is requesting an abatement of taxes on both properties. His request is based on the fact that it is a waste of time & money to continue to notify these individuals for no apparent reason other than the law requires it. After some discussion, members agreed to abate the outstanding taxes on the property with no value at their next meeting. They want the other properties condition verified by the assessing contractor before abating those liens. Ms. Seaverns will let the Tax Collector know.

Ms. Seaverns updated the members on some legislative matters before the NH House. There is a new bill to re-instate the exemption for Fairpoint's property tax. House Bill 1619 allows an exemption on the first \$50,000 worth of value on every property. House Bill 514 has been modified to exclude municipal assessing personnel. At the member's request, Ms. Seaverns will send the link to LGC's Legislative Bulletin.

Next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board is February 13, 2012.

Having no further business,

7:25 PM **Motion:** Reed, second Neuman to adjourn.

Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Seaverns

**Approved as written
3/19/12**