

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes  
December 1, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Hunter, Raymond, Southworth and Thompson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Joanne Bosley, Carol Holley, Real Property; Mark Rider, County Attorney.

Chairman M. Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Raymond the minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Ms. Baker said there are two parcels that have been to prior auctions where the first bidder has backed out. The parcel located in the town of Corinth has several vacant mobile homes on the property and the Stillwater property is vacant land. The bid on the properties was \$6,500 and \$5,000 respectively.

Mr. Rider said the APA has passed some new rules, among them a rule that would change an old rule that allowed anyone who had waterfront property with a camp or house on the property to rebuild and change the size of the building as long as the building wasn't any closer to the water. The new regulation with the APA states that a new owner can't build without getting an APA permit. Towns and communities are very concerned about this because it will have an adverse affect on the ability of the owner to convey the property to someone else who may want to expand the property. This will also depress the value of all properties with the added costs involved. There are several counties that have already resolved to hire an attorney to oppose the APA rule and they have asked Saratoga County to participate at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

**A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve a resolution to join with other counties to hire an attorney to pursue the APA rule at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Rider said there was a road that the county acquired that was located in a subdivision in the town of Northumberland. The town would now like to acquire the land from the county; therefore, he is requesting conveyance of that property to the Town of Northumberland.

**A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Thompson to convey a tax acquired road owned by the county to the Town of Northumberland. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Johnson said that Mr. Rider is working on a private road policy and will bring information to the January committee meeting.

**On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Raymond the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom