

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
September 6, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Raymond; Supervisors Hargrave, Kinowski, Southworth, Wood, Barrett, A. Johnson and Peck; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Chris Aldrich, Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Michael Smith, Resident.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Dorsey requested a resolution to accept a tender offer in the Town of Ballston in the amount of \$23,887.27. He said there were four years of delinquent taxes, 2008 – 2011. The amount includes all taxes, penalties and interest.

Mr. Dorsey requested a resolution to accept a tender offer in the Town of Northumberland, in the amount of \$4,165.51, which includes all penalties, taxes and interest. This payment would be for the 2008 taxes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to accept a tender offer in the Town of Ballston for \$23887.27 and in the town of Northumberland in the amount of \$4,165.51. Unanimous.

Ms Bosley requested a resolution to accept a credit in the amount of \$1,023.00 in the town of Northumberland on a parcel that was deeded over to the town from a taxpayer, to be used as a park. This parcel was originally valued as a buildable lot by the assessor with a value of \$41,400. When there were discussions that the parcel would be turned over to the town it was then realized that it was not a buildable lot and it was determined that the correct value of the property was \$6,500.

Ms. Raymond said this was due to an error by the Assessor, which he is correcting on the assessment roll.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Kinowski to approve a credit to a parcel in the town of Northumberland in the amount of \$1,023.00. Unanimous.

Mr. Johnson requested a second pull on a parcel of 40 acres off of Bullard Lane in the Town of Wilton. Mr. Johnson said that he thought this would be a perfect opportunity to expand the current county trail system. There is a direct connection with an easement that comes from the county land directly to the 40 acres, he said. Mr. Johnson said he would like to take this to the County Trails Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Kinowski to approve a second pull from the County auction of the Morrell property in Wilton. Unanimous.

Mr. Peck requested a second pull on the Nicholas property in the Town of Northumberland, parcel #14 on the auction list. The full amount that is currently owned is \$48,447.55. Ms. Raymond said this would be contingent upon receipt of cash or certified check prior to the auction. The resolution will not take effect until the money is paid to the county treasurer.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to approve a second pull on the Nicholas property in the town of Northumberland upon receipt of cash or a certified check to the Saratoga County Treasurer. Unanimous.

Mr. Barrett requested a second pull on the Smith property in the Town of Clifton Park. Ms. Raymond said the current outstanding taxes on the property are \$19,465.80. Mr. Barrett said Mr. Smith has submitted a certified check to cover the 2011 taxes, showing good faith on his part.

A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Kinowski to approve a second pull from the county auction on the Smith property in the Town of Clifton Park. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey said there is a parcel in the town of Providence where Supervisor Collyer will be making a first pull. The town is interested in the property. Ms. Raymond said since it is a first pull the owner will be allowed to make a tender offer before the auction.

Mrs. Southworth said there was a potential second pull in the town of Ballston; however, with the help of the Treasurer's office they were able to work out the logistics. Mrs. Southworth said she wanted everyone to know how helpful they were to make this happen. so that the resident didn't have to go through the auction process.

Ms. Raymond said following the last committee meeting she received a memo from the county Treasurer expressing his feeling that there was some information in the minutes that was perhaps not correct or needed to be better characterized. Ms. Raymond stated that changes cannot be made to what was said at a meeting. The only way to do that in any way is if you wish to make a statement into today's minutes to clarify the prior minutes. Ms. Baker said she was not prepared to do that at this time. Ms. Raymond said the memo would be available through the Clerk of the Board.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom