

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes  
September 17, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Raymond, Hargrave, Jenkins, M. Johnson, Lewza, Yepsen, Kinowski, and Southworth; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Sam Pitcherelle, Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Mr. Southworth, Town of Ballston Resident.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the September 4, meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Kinowski requested two second pulls for property owned by Mr. Baker in the Town of Stillwater. He said the first time the parcel was pulled from the auction was because the property had gone into an estate due to the passing of Mr. Baker. Mr. Kinowski said after speaking with the attorney for the estate it was noted that the current year's taxes have been paid.

Mr. Kinowski requested a second pull for a property owned by Mr. Cohen in the Town of Stillwater. Mr. Cohen attempted to pay his taxes in March, but was unable to do so. He approached Mr. Kinowski because he had requested a pull as the town was looking at the property to complete a section of the Zim Smith Trail and help with the Champlain Canal Trail. Mr. Kinowski said he will do everything possible to locate Mr. Cohen since he was willing to give a part of the property to the county for the trail.

Mr. Dorsey said the Town will be required to give notice to the owner by mail.

Mrs. Southworth asked how it would work if the Town has the first right to purchase the property and now wants to sell it back.

Mr. Dorsey said if you pull it based on the receipt of a resolution from the Town of Stillwater, no money has to change hands. The receipt of the resolution entitles the property to be pulled from the auction. Ten days before next month's Board meeting the town will have to send a notice by First Class mail to the property owner advising of the town's intent to purchase the property, giving the property owner ten days to come in and make a tender offer.

Mr. Dorsey said if the Town buys it back, the Town will have a deed and anything that happens between the Town and the former owner after that is between them.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lewza to approve a second pull on two adjoining properties owned by Mr. Baker in the Town of Stillwater. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve a second pull on the Cohen property in the Town of Stillwater. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lewza requested a second pull on a property owned by Mr. Wagner in the Town of Milton. He said this is an estate where the family is trying to settle the estate, and in the meantime the taxes became overdue. The current year's taxes have been paid and Mr. Lewza has been told that all the taxes will be paid shortly.

**A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve a second pull on the Wagner property in the Town of Milton. Unanimous.**

Mr. Collyer requested a second pull on a property owned by Mr. Yost in the Town of Providence. He said Mr. Yost has been unable to pay his taxes because he has been unable to work due to a serious accident; however, he is now ready to go back to work. Mr. Yost has made payment for the 2012 and 2013 taxes. Mr. Collyer said Mr. Yost has said that he will be able to pay the 2010 and 2011 taxes by March 1, 2014.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a second pull on the Yost property in the Town of Providence. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Baker is requesting the acceptance of a tender offer made by Mr. Rucinski on a property he owns in the town of Halfmoon. She said Mr. Rucinski has paid the outstanding taxes on his property for the years 2010 through 2013 in the amount of \$40,760.74.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lewza to approve a tender offer from Mr. Rucinski in the Town of Halfmoon for a total of \$40,760.74. Unanimous.**

Mr. Collyer said the auction will be held today, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:00 p.m.

**On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Lewza the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom