

Town of Somers
Board of Assessors
Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Assessor's Office

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Bob Loubier, Co-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Assessor's Office in Town Hall. Also present were David Olsen, Co-Chairman, Joanna Wheeler, Member, and Patricia Juda, Assessor.

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2008 and the special meeting of October 16, 2008.

Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2008 regular meeting. This motion was seconded by Joanna and unanimously approved.

Joanna made a motion to approve minutes of the October 16, 2008 special meeting. This motion was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved.

3. Assessor's Report

- The Assessor's office was notified on January 22, 2009 that the Motor Vehicle Department failed to recognize 4 x 4's and diesel engines when pricing the 2008 Grand List. The staff scrambled at the end of January to correct 525 motor vehicle assessments, adding \$867,180 in additional assessment to the 2008 Grand List.
- The 2008 Grand List was filed with the Town Clerk on January 29th. The Grand List grew by 1.58%. (Last year's increase was 1.7%).
- The additional assessment of \$11,978,198 will generate an additional \$262,442.32 in tax revenue at the current mill rate or 21.91.
 - Real estate increased 12,794,450 or 1.89%.
 - Personal Property increased 3,077,871, or 22.38%.
 - Motor Vehicles experienced a decline in assessment of 3,894,123 or (-5.77%).

- Pat has prepared a graph of sales ratios from October 1, 2004 to present. Current values are very close to the 2004 values.
- On February 5, 2009, 185 Personal Property increase notices and 314 Real Estate increase notices were processed.
- Dave made a motion to accept the Assessor's report. This motion was seconded by Joanna and unanimously approved.

4. Bills to be Paid

The following bills were presented:

Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers	
Membership dues for 4 members	\$ 280.00
Purchase order for Vision Appraisal	\$ 80,000.00
Vision Appraisal Technology Inc.	\$ 3,130.00

Joanna made a motion to approve the bills for payment. This motion was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved.

5. Correspondence – no correspondence.

6. Discuss FY 2009/2010 Budget

Pat prepared a budget according to the Board of Finance's recommendation of a zero budget increase.

Dave made a motion to accept the budget as presented. This motion was seconded by Joanna and unanimously approved.

7. 2009 Revaluation

Pat reported that Greg Simmons has received the performance bond from Vision Appraisal. There are two towns in front of Somers, scheduled for data conversion by Vision Appraisal. They estimate the conversion will take place by the first of March. Once that is complete, they have personnel ready to begin in Somers.

Dave made a motion to accept the report on revaluation. This motion was seconded by Joanna and unanimously approved.

8. Old Business – no old business.

9. New Business – no new business.

10. Audience Participation – no audience participation.

11. Adjournment

Dave made a motion to adjourn at 6:50. This motion was seconded by Joanna and unanimously approved.

Patricia J. Juda
Secretary

Robert Loubier
Co-Chairman

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

