

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
REGULAR MEETING**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

David Olsen, Co-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Assessor's Office in the Town Hall. Robert Loubier, Co-Chairman, Joanna Wheeler, Board Member, and Patricia Juda, Assessor were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 5, 2011.

Bob made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2011 regular meeting. This motion was seconded by Joanna and unanimously approved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

4. ASSESSOR'S REPORT

- May 20, 2011 - Filed report to State Forester due June 30.
- May 25 and June 15 – spent day at Woodcrest Elderly Housing collecting rental rebate data.
- June 27, 2011 – M35B Homeowners' Reimbursement Claim Form and M42B Disabled Reimbursement Claim form filed with OPM.
- July 11, 2011 – Submitted renters' rebate claim form to OPM.

Bob commented that the online access to the Assessor's records is a great asset, and in his 20 years of experience on the Board of Assessors he feels that the office is running more efficiently and effectively than ever. Bob made a motion to accept the Assessor's report as one of progress. This motion was seconded by Joanna and unanimously approved.

5. 2011/12 BUDGET

Pat reported that she received the Assessor's approved budget for Fiscal Year 2011/12 back from the Treasurer with the line item for professional service cut. This line item of \$1500.00 was used to assist Assessor with field inspections.

Bob made a motion to accept the budget report as one of information. This motion was seconded by Joanna and unanimously approved.

6. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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| • Quality Date Service Software Support | \$5,225.00 |
| • Vision Appraisal Technology Software | 4,750.00 |
| • CAAO Fall Symposium for Pat Juda | 75.00 |

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was centered on the 1,492,860 total assessment reduction made by the Board of Assessment Appeals in March of 2011. The Board of Assessors reviewed the changes made and questioned the justification of the large reductions when there was little or no proof provided by taxpayers to support their appeals. The Board recommends that the Assessor review those property assessments for October 1, 2011.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

9. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. This motion was seconded by Joanna and unanimously approved.

Patricia J. Juda
Secretary

David Olsen
Co-Chairman

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.