

**TOWN OF DUNBARTON
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 17, 2011**

Present: Tim Terragni, Chairman
Mary LaValley
Bryan Clark
Janice VandeBogart, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Board Chairman.

The Board met with Ed White, Chairman of the Dunbarton Town Forest Committee and Chair of the KTFCA Committee. Last month the Board had received a request from the KTFCA Committee to waive the timber tax on a recent cut of timber on lot #C3-01-03, located off Gorham Pond Road. The Board felt they did not have the paperwork to back up this request and needed more information. It was noted that the Board tried to get in touch with Ed White that evening but could not. Therefore, Mr. White appeared before the Board this evening to fill in the blanks.

Ed White explained that the reason for the cut was to raise money to take care of the mowing and maintenance of the fields which were donated by Vera and Forrest Fogg years ago. The Fogg's donated the land to the town with the stipulation that the fields would be mowed once a year (once only) in order to insure that the area would be preserved for the bird habitat. In the past the town Selectmen had placed the cost of this mowing in their general operating budget. However, the KTFCA committee was told that the cost of this mowing and maintenance would now be shifted to them. The KTFCA did not have funds to cover this cost. Therefore, the logging was done and the proceeds would go for this purpose. The logging operation was handled by a professional forester. Also, Mr. White stated that in addition to the mowing, there was other maintenance that needed to be done in the Kuncanowet Town Forest Area. The parking lot at the entrance of the trails needs to be re-done. Also, a culvert pipe located there needs to be replaced. In years past the town had a line item in their budget that they used for the maintenance of the trails in that conservation area but that has been taken away as well. He also stated that the bitter sweet vines along the stone walls had grown up so much that it literally uprooted some trees. These trees needed to be removed and they had a bid of \$2000 to do this. As it turned out the logger agreed to clean this up as well and even paid the KTFCA for the wood chips.

The income from the logging operation will be placed in a trust for the purpose of the maintenance of the fields and for the maintenance of the Kuncanowet Town Forest Conservation Area. Estimates for the mowing of the fields in the past were around \$1200 a year. He noted that this is a ten year plan. He was hoping that the money in the fund would last ten years but if it doesn't then they would have to resort to more cutting. The tax on this logging operation would amount to approximately \$1700.

The Board thanked Ed White for coming in and clearing up all their questions.

Motion: Mary LaValley made the motion to waive the Timber Tax for Lot #C3-01-03, town property, under the jurisdiction of the Kuncanowet Town Forest Conservation Area. The motion was seconded by Tim Terragni. The vote was in the affirmative; motion passed. The Board signed the paperwork

backing up their decision.

Other Business:

- Minutes: The Board reviewed, approved and signed the minutes of their last meeting, April 19, 2011.
- Notice of Intent to Cut Timber: The board reviewed the Notice of Intent to Cut Timber submitted by Timothy and Diane Terragni, Lot B4-06-01 and B4-06-02. Mr. Terragni stated that he had two pine trees on his property that he wanted to take down for fear that they would come down on his buildings. He also stated that he realized that he might not have been required to file this paperwork but just wanted to cover all bases. Board members Bryan Clark and Mary LaValley approved and signed this Intent to Cut Timber.
- Timber Tax Levy: The following Tax Levy for the collection of Timber Tax were reviewed, approved and signed:
 - JWF Real Estate & Dev. Corp., Lot C7-01-08.
 - Louis and Debra Marcou, Lot G2-03-02 and Lot G2-03-11.
 - Sandra and David Stuhr, E3-02-37.
 - J & J Stone Joint Rev. Trust, F4-02-01.

Applications for Current Use: The board reviewed memos received from Scott Marsh from Municipal Resources, Inc. Mr. Marsh reviewed three applications for current use and recommended that the board accept all three. They are as follows:

- Jeffrey Foss, JWF Real Estate and Dev. Corp, C7-01-08, Twist Hill Road.
- Carl Moorehead, J1-02-05, 65 Old Hopkinton Road.
- Kimberly Belanger Rev. Trust, I1-03-01, 61 Old Hopkinton Road.
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Motion: The motion was made by Tim Terragni to accept the recommendation of Scott Marsh, MRI, to accept the above three applications for current use. The motion was seconded by Bryan Clark and the vote was in the affirmative. Motion carried.

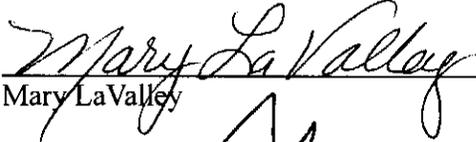
Invoice: An invoice in the amount of \$5,132.85 from Municipal Services Inc. was reviewed and accepted by the Board. It was noted that this represented the spring pickup appraisals for the town.

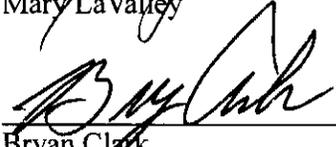
George Sansoucy, Utility Appraiser: The Board reviewed copies of the contract between George Sansoucy, PE, LLC and the Town of Dunbarton for the updates of Utility properties from 2011 to 2014 and for the revaluation of these properties in 2015. The contract was signed and one copy will be sent to George Sansoucy and one copy will stay with the town files.

Correspondence from the Department of Revenue regarding their assessment of Utility properties in the Town of Dunbarton was reviewed and initialed.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Timothy Terragni, Chairman


Mary LaValley


Bryan Clark
Dunbarton Board of Assessors

Recorded by: Janice VandeBogart, Recording Secretary