

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Listers Minutes**

Date/Time: Monday, December 1, 2014 @ 3:45 p.m.

Present: Carl Cole, Ferrisburgh Lister
Joe Blasius, Ferrisburgh Lister
Justus J. DeVries, Appraiser for Town of Ferrisburgh



- Meeting called to order by Carl Cole at 3:50 p.m.
- Reviewed draft minutes from September 30, 2014 listers meeting. Joe made a motion, seconded by Carl to accept the minutes with a minor edit to the cell tower taxation line. All were in favor.
- Discussed the Stearn's cannon firing situation. Justus and Carl will be meeting with Mr. Stearns at the site and follow-up with property owners about the issue. The listers are continuing to review possible solutions.
- The listers' new computer is up and running and the Middlebury remote connect at Justus' office is completed and on-line, and the printer connection is in the process of being set up. The reorganization of the listers' office is in process and Carl will follow-up with the selectboard tomorrow about installing a door to the office. The door will provide privacy when needed and the space can also be used by the entire town office staff for meetings.
- The 2014 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) calculations by the State Tax Department should arrive in the next two weeks. Justus is preparing to appeal the numbers if necessary. The listers plan to forecast and replicate the State's numbers to assist in the appeal decision making process. Attorney Merriman may be assisting the listers.
- The recent sales since September 1, 2014 were reviewed. The ratios are running mostly at 100% or slightly higher which means that Ferrisburgh's 2015 education tax rate should be as low as it possibly can.
- Field inspections are starting and the building permits have been organized. Justus will meet with Zoning Administrator Ken Wheeling to discuss getting an electronic system set up for recording new building permits.
- The Lafleche zoning issue was tabled until Justus can follow-up with Ken Wheeling on the current details.
- Justus will be getting all the final accounting on the Velco settlement. Final check from Velco was \$72,619.12 less \$4,588.88 for expenses, for a net of **\$68,030.24**.
- The North Ferrisburgh Methodist Church current use change was tabled until Justus can forward the changes to the listers for review.

- The 2015-2016 proposed budget was reviewed. It was agreed that the proposed budget of \$46,600 will be forwarded to Gloria and Pam tomorrow. Last year's budget was \$45,500 (slight increase was made to the grievance hearings and tax mapping categories).
- Reviewed tax mapping status. Justus reported that Pam has sent all the data to Christine Chamberlain and she is prioritizing linking the tax maps to the grand list. The listers goal is to have a computer terminal available to the public to be able to print a listers card, diagram, tax map and photograph. If additional funds are needed to implement this goal, it was agreed to use money from the State grand list maintenance fund which has a balance of \$14,000 and will be increasing next year by the same amount (\$14,000). Digital tax map training was also discussed. Justus will send a letter to follow-up with Cartographics' request about the reason they were not selected for the tax map contract.
- The listers were notified by Tom and Shelly Erickson that the William Sullivan property located on 160 Ferry Road is being advertised for sale with a "deep water marina" which reportedly does not have a permit. Justus will follow-up with Ken Wheeling.
- Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Carl. All were in favor and so moved.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:58 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted: Justus J. DeVries
Dated: December 2, 2014

Enclosures: Approved listers maintenance budget (2015-2016) and listers minutes from September 30, 2014