

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Listers Minutes**

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

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



- Meeting called to order by Carl at 3:05 p.m.
- Reviewed draft minutes from April 23, 2015 listers meeting. Joe made a motion, seconded by Charlene, to accept the minutes as written with one minor edit on the Muir physical depreciation which should be changed from 2% to 12%.
- Reviewed fourth batch of building permits. All were approved except Lotta-Vu Farm's barn. The Beenan land was corrected to 26.86± acres due to a map correction. The two new solar projects (McNary and Beach Properties, Inc.) now have separate ID numbers. The listers received the McNary Solar Inventory Form but are still waiting on the one from Beach Properties, Inc. The Vanderway windmill was not completed as of April 1, 2015 and therefore will not be assessed until 2016. Justus is working on the new solar valuations. The State taxes solar units greater than 50 AC kilowatts at \$4/AC kilowatt.
- Reviewed protocol for sending out Change of Appraisal Notices and dates. Pam will work with Justus to get them mailed out by May 13, 2014.
- Stearns bird control cannon appeals: Justus advised that there are 32 Stearns' cannon appeals to date. Carl informed the listers he had made another site visit to meet with Mr. Stearns on May 1, 2015. Mr. Stearns confirmed after the cannon modification last summer that the cannon was not effective and he lost part of the crop. He said he would take whatever measures were necessary to protect his corn crop. It was suggested that perhaps a different location on the farm could be used to plant sweet corn. Mr. Stearns said that the birds were damaging his cow corn as well. He also felt that applying for crop insurance where he was almost assured it would be destroyed and a claim needed was like fraud. He has reviewed the case with his Attorney Peter Langrock.

Carl also advised he had attended the May 5, 2015 Selectboard meeting discussion on the cannon issue in West Ferrisburgh (see Selectboard minutes). He said the number of West Ferrisburgh property owners appealing their property tax assessments was up to 30 and going up. The listers have spoken with Attorney Charles Merriman. Carl also advised that Charles Piasecki spoke at the public comment period at the Selectboard meeting about the cannon issue (see Town of Ferrisburgh Selectboard Minutes Draft dated May 5, 2015).
- Carl discussed Pam's new listers work and hours which are part of the recent town offices reorganization. He advised that there may need to be a change in the listers budget in the future to accommodate the hours.

- The listers discussed that out of the 1,505 total property count, there were several properties that did not receive interior inspections during the 2013 town wide reappraisal due to lack of response from notices and postcards. Justus will go over the list and discuss at the next meeting. The plan is to incorporate those inspections into the 2015-2016 building permit work. This will ensure equity any among taxpayers.
- Justus advised Chris from Robert Turner's office had an extensive detailed list of tax map changes and reconciliation which Pam and Justus will now work on this summer.
- Carl advised he was still working on the North Ferrisburgh Methodist Church Current Land Use Lien.
- Pam informed the listers that 98% of the Current Use work was completed, but that the State had not sent the new applications.
- Justus will follow-up with Attorney Charlie Merriman for assistance on Grievance Day schedules and protocol.
- Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Charlene. All were in favor and so moved.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:35 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted: Justus J. DeVries
Dated: May 12, 2015