

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS PUBLIC MEETING  
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT**

**April 14, 2014**

**Members Present:** Sarah Reynolds; Chair, Jacqueline Cashin. Also present was Pam Wilder.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

1. The Board reviewed the minutes from their meeting of 3/24/14. On a motion by Cashin and seconded by Reynolds, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.
2. The Board reviewed and signed the following documents:
  - a. Monthly list of abatements for March, 2014
  - b. List of personal exemptions for Fiscal Year 2014
  - c. Record of exemptions sheets
  - d. Letter to Donna Taylor regarding converging of her parcels
3. The Board discussed the letter to Donna Taylor regarding her request to combine the acreage on several of her parcels. The letter explained that the merging of parcels had been completed and the resulting value. On a motion by Reynolds and seconded by Cashin, the Board voted unanimously to sign the letter. The Board explained to Wilder that at times, property owners will notify the Assessors that separate parcels on their property should have been one parcel, or they would like them merged. In most cases, Assessors can do this, and it is often requested as it results in less bills sent and less value, as there will only be one primary land line instead of several. The Board noted that as with lot splits, these also need to be sent to the mapper each year.
4. The Board reviewed the building construction and deeds for March, 2014.
5. Reynolds noted that she had recently been asked about the Schechterle/McCloud property and noted it seemed incorrect. After reviewing the property card, it was decided to have Duane inspect the property for accuracy.
6. The Board discussed assessment of wind and solar. Millett noted she found an email from Gary Blau at DLS that had been sent to Bree, the former Assessor's Secretary regarding this. It was agreed that Reynolds would contact Blau to get clarification on the procedure for determining the percentage of electricity sold back to the grid on the Berkshire East property, what reports would be needed to determine this, and if it was worth pursuing.

At 7:25 p.m., on a motion by Reynolds and seconded by Cashin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

At 7:25 p.m., on a motion by Reynolds and seconded by Cashin, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session with the intent to return to open meeting afterwards, in order to deliberate on pending abatement and/or exemption applications (Wilder left the meeting).

**Roll Call:**

Voting yes: Reynolds, Cashin

Voting no: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlene Millett,  
Assessor's Secretary

**List of Documents Viewed in Public Meeting of April 14, 2014\***

1. Minutes from meeting of 3/24/14
2. Monthly list of abatements for March, 2014
3. List of personal exemptions for Fiscal Year 2014, dated 4/14/14
4. Record of exemptions sheets, dated 4/14/14
5. Letter to Donna Taylor regarding converging of her parcels, dated 4/14/14
6. Deeds and building construction for March, 2014
7. Property card for 11 Burrington Road
8. Email from Gary Blau regarding taxation of wind and solar, dated 10/29/2009

**\*Documents are stored in their respective files in the Assessor's office.**