

**CHARLEMONT BOARD OF ASSESSORS
OCTOBER 3, 2022 MEETING MINUTES
CHARLEMONT ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

Members Present/ Participating:

Karen Rau; Chair, Jacqueline Cashin, Anthony Ostroski

Call to Order

Rau called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#1: Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from their 9/12/2022 meetings. On a motion by Cashin and seconded by Ostroski, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

#2: Board Action/Discussion

All Board Meeting. Cashin let the Board know she will be attending the upcoming All Board Meeting and will report from the Assessor's office. Hayden gave her the information on their growth numbers, which includes over one million from the large scale solar array.

Site Visit of Deerfield #4 Dam. Cashin also informed the Board she had attended the site visit to the hydro dam with Mark Cleverdon of Great River Hydro and Assessor's consultant George Sansoucy who will be appraising the dam. She showed pictures of the Charlemont switch and banks of computers, as well as one showing how high the floodwater from Hurricane Irene had reached. She noted the dam was built in 1912 and still had some of the original equipment. She said it was very informative.

Discussion on removal of properties from Chapter 61/61A. Hayden informed the Board of two properties in Chapter 61/61A where the new owners; Nicholas & Jamie Johnston and Daniel, Linda, Matthew & Julie Talbot, had not filed applications nor management plans, despite being sent letters & reminders. She explained she had checked with the DCR and they had not received anything either. After discussion, on a motion by Rau and seconded by Ostroski, it was decided that if no applications are received as postmarked by 10/1, the properties should be removed from Chapter 61 classification.

#3: Review Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following:

1. Deeds for July & August, 2022; it was noted that sales vs. assessments were still running high.
2. Building permits for June, July & August, 2022.
3. Forest Cutting Plan for Jane Gribbin, South Heath Road.

Adjournment

At 6:58 p.m. on a motion by Rau and seconded by Ostroski, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn their meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to General Laws Chapter 59, Section 60, in order to deliberate on pending abatement and/or exemption applications and to not reconvene in open session afterwards. Roll Call vote: Rau-Yes, Cashin-Yes, Ostroski-Yes.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 7th, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlene Hayden,
Assessor's Clerk

Documents Viewed in Meeting of 10/3/2022*

1. Agenda for meeting of 10/3/2022
2. Minutes from meeting of 9/12/2022
3. Charlemont new growth, to date Fiscal Year 2023
4. Pictures of Deerfield #4 dam site visit
5. Deeds for July & August, 2022
6. Building permits for June, July & August, 2022
7. Forest Cutting Plan for Jane Gribbin, South Heath Road, 8/15/2022

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