

TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

661 Turnpike Rd New Ipswich NH 03071

Board of Assessors



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Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2020

Present: Jim Coffey, Jeanne Cunningham & Debbie Deaton

The Board reviewed and approved:

- Minutes from October 5, 2020
- Intent to Cut, Seppala, Map 5B-10
- Intent to Cut, Seppala, Map 5B-10-1

The Board reviewed the following:

•Equalization email from the DRA. Debbie informed the Board she had forwarded this to M&N Assessing.

•The Assessors requested Debbie prepare a request to refund Eversource for overpayment of their 2016 property taxes, as determined by the BTLA. This was part of an appeal by Eversource for 2014, 2015 and 2016 to the BTLA. This refund is for \$78,914.56 plus 6% interest. The exact interest to be paid depends on when we received their payment and when the refund check will be mailed. It is about 24%, or \$18,939.49. The estimated total is \$97,854. Debbie informed us that the BOS has set the overlay for the 2020 tax rate setting at zero. Since overlay is just an extra amount \$\$ to be raised this should not concern us since the refund would come from the undesignated fund balance. Our concern is that it be promptly refunded to Eversource. Debbie will prepare a cover letter to accompany the check when the BOS informs her of the intended check date.

•Debbie informed the Board the Bob Boynton (Conservation Commission Chair) feels an RFP should be done for the GIS tax mapping project and doesn't think a Warrant Article should be submitted for the upcoming election. Jim and Jeanne disagree and would like to move forward with the Warrant Article. They would also like the blessing of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. If the Warrant Article passes, we would be able to act immediately on the project (we could still get RFP's) instead of having to wait another year.

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•Jim mentioned the possibility of an unapproved sand/gravel pit at 445 Turnpike Road. They are removing material from the property. The Planning Board and/or M&N Assessing should look into this and if an Intent to Excavate is needed, the property owner should be informed of this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30

James E Coffey

Jeanne M Cunningham