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**Board of Assessors**

Garrett Boles
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Principal Assessor

Rena E. Swezey

**Jan. 4, 2016
Discussion
7:00 P.M.
Assessor's Office**

To conduct interviews at the Board of Assessors Meeting for interested parties to fill a vacancy on the board.

The board did not have a quorum, only Mr. Boles was present, Ms. Evans was out of state. Mr. Boles met with two candidates for the position on the board previous held by Rena Swezey.

7:00 P.M. Donald Black

Mr. Black has been a lifelong resident of the town of Groton. He is currently an active Realtor for the Gosslin Group. Mr. Boles explained some of the duties of the Assessor, and how the Assessors set the valuation for the properties as well as being the first appeal of the values by the taxpayers. Mr. Black stated he has knowledge of the working of the Assessor's Department from his experience with his real estate coming into the office. He feels the Assessors have done well keeping in line with the market value from his experience. He is willing to run for the election in May and take any courses necessary and available for meetings. Mr. Black feels his experience in real estate and having been a builder in the town would be a good fit for the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Black stated he has served on many committee's and board in town having been a member of the Park Department for 18 years. He feels he knows town government and the commitment to volunteer.

7:30 P.M. John Kane

Mr. Kane has been a resident of the town of Groton since 1981. He is semi- retired and worked for 35 years in the Telecom industry.

Mr. Boles again explained the role of the Assessor and the position of setting values and the first line of defense of values.

Mr. Kane stated he felt it was time to get involved in the town and he thought this board may be a good place to start. He has a background in finance which he feels would be of value to the board. He is willing right now to consider running for the election in May should he be the candidate.

Mr. Kane did state he has keep up his real estate license but only was active for a few months when he was laid off. He had only done things such as open houses and not really involved in the real estate market. Mr. Kane is also willing take any classes necessary and available for meetings.

He did some research on the abatement process, but acknowledges it will be a learning process as the role of an assessor.

The Board will be holding a joint meeting on Jan. 11th at 6:15 with the Board of Selectmen to vote on an assessor to fill the vacancy on the board.

The discussion ended at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Rena Swezey