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**Board of Assessors**

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**April 11, 2016
Minutes
7:00 P.M.
Assessor's Office**

**Present: Garrett Boles, chair
Don Black, member
Jenifer Evans, member**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The board acted on the following abatements for FY 16.

250 Hill Rd.- Ms. Evans made a motion One-time adjustment for the sale price. The property is in total disrepair. Mr. Boles seconded the motion, all in favor. The grade to be adjusted to D and Poor condition, the land a 5% adjustment for being wet.

87 Skyfield Dr. Mr. Black made a motion to deny abatement, seconded by Ms. Evans, all in favor.

Ms. Swezey mentioned to the board a problem on a parcel of land at the lake. The owner of the property passed away leaving the home to his wife. It was discovered that the house is on a parcel of land owned by the town abutting the land of the present owner of 50 Valley Rd. He purchased the property in 1979 with a structure. As no title search required by a cash sale the problem was not discovered. Swezey explained that prior to his death the owner wanted to buy the parcel of land from the town. The owner passed away before any arrangement could be made. Swezey was approached by Atty. Collins to see if the town would turn the parcel over to Mrs. Linda Gray as they had been paying taxes on the buildings as well as the 4 parcels they owned on Whitney Pond. The board advised Swezey to take up the matter with K & P. It would be an article on the Fall Town Meeting.

A second article Swezey asked the board to consider for the Fall Town Meeting was to reduce the residency requirement for service connected veterans from 5 years to 1 year. Swezey has the language another town that has adopted this article. The board agreed to place both articles before town meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

No date was set for another meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Rena Swezey