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Minutes 25 February 2010

Attendance: Rena Swezey, Garrett Boles, Jenifer Evans

Called to order 7:05

Motion to NOT record the meetings by Boles. Seconded by Evans. Approved. Tape recorder shut off.

Taxpayer Sickles there for abatement hearing.

- His assessed value went up from last year. His land value went down (R005), but his house value went up by ~\$30,000. Given no house assessments should have gone up unless there had been new growth, we could not explain why. Rena did not supply us with the FY09 card to compare to the FY10 card.
- There were multiple sales in his neighborhood in the past year, including 21 Bryanwood that has a finished attic and only assessed at \$494,200, lower than his. His house has issues including leaky ceilings, just learned his driveway is on someone else's land, and the well runs dry in the summer.
- Given the board did not receive a copy of the abatement in advance, and therefore had not had time to review the case, we thanked him for his time and told him we'd be back to him with our analysis.

Signed paperwork prepared by Rena.

Discussed ethics investigation.

- Rena said she received a call in November asking for the minutes of 15 October meeting.
- Rena said she received an email "about a week ago" with a repeat request for the minutes.
- Rena asked Jenifer on the morning of the meeting (25 Feb) for a copy of the minutes.
- Rena said she faxed Jenifer's email regarding the meeting to the state.
- Rena said that was all the communications she had had regarding the investigation and felt she was under no obligation to tell Garrett and Jenifer about it.
- Garrett and Jenifer asked Rena for a copy of the email received and a copy of the fax sent, and general information about the phone call.
- Garrett and Jenifer also reminded Rena that the vote of interest had occurred on 24 October and that Rena had been present at the that meeting and was responsible for the minutes that day. Garrett sent Rena his recollection of the meeting and asked if she had shared that email. Rena said, "no."

Discussion of upcoming reval.

- The upcoming reval was discussed, namely how to handle the reassignment of neighborhoods and the inconsistency in grades.
- Jenifer will meet with Michelle Collette or others in town hall to learn about the GIS system in town. The plan is to use the Vision database and the GIS tool to

map out the town by age to help determine main arteries and neighborhoods, and also to look for inconsistencies in grades.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully,

Jenifer B. Evans