



TOWN OF DEERING

Board of Selectmen

762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2017

Public Hearing – 7:00pm

Mr. Belouin opened the public hearing at 700pm. Mr. Belouin explained that the public hearing is required by HB 329 so that the Board can ratify the results of the March 16th Town meeting vote that was rescheduled from March 14th as a consequence of the March 14th winter blizzard. The Board solicited comments from the public in attendance. The Town Moderator, Chuck Gaides believed that rescheduling town voting was the right call to make given that many older voters would not have ventured to the polls during the blizzard, but did do so on March 16th. That sentiment was echoed by the Deputy Town Moderator Thomas Copadis. Hearing no further comments Mr. Belouin made the motion to ratify the voting results of March 16th. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Mr. Belouin made the motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting was closed at 7:05pm

Selectmen present: Allen Belouin, Sharon Fife – absent, Aaron Gill.
The meeting was called to order at 1905.

MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting Minutes – May 3rd.

Mr. Belouin made the motion to approve the public and non-public meeting minutes of May 3rd. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Mr. Belouin made the motion to approve the non-public minutes of April 5th. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

New Business

Chuck Gaides – Update on Proposed Concert Series

Mr. Gaides provided an update and brief synopsis of the proposed concert series. He had found a 501-C3, Hillsborough Area Community Service Corporation that accept donations and funding that would be earmarked for paying for the concert series, but there was still the problem of insurance and available electricity. While he had developed dates for the venue and solicited interest from bands willing to play, there were too many unresolved issues to overcome in time to actually schedule musicians for the concert series. Discussion turned to a future summer concert committee charged with scheduling concert events at the old “Hotel Lot” once it is developed. The Board wanted to wait for input from absent member Gill before committing to an action plan.

Police Department

Police Chief Pushee introduced the new part-time officer Thomas Forsley. Mr. Belouin made the motion to hire Mr. Forsley as a part-time officer. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Officer Forsley was sworn in and welcomed aboard. Mr. Pushee next briefed the Board on the department’s activities for the month. The Board briefly discussed the upcoming antique truck show scheduled for August at the airfield in town. The TA noted that the meeting with the principals of the antique truck show was positive and that the airfield owner did not charge for use of the property. Access to the venue was free to the public and only those wishing to show their antique vehicles paid a fee. Money from the event was given to charity. Mr. Pushee explained that the boy scouts provided traffic control at the last show and that he will be holding a traffic control training course for the scouts involved in the show.

Review of Special Events Permit

The TA explained that other ordinances dealing with the ability of the police to determine the need for details and the role of the fire chief fire safety at events were attached to the special events ordinance. The Board tabled the item given the absence of Mr. Gill.

Charitable Exemption Applications

- Deering Community Church
- Deering Historical Society
- His Mansion Ministries
- The Audubon Society NH
- The Wilds of New England
- New England Forestry Foundation

Having reviewed the assessor's recommendations pertaining to the charitable exemption applications (see attached) Mr. Belouin made the motion to approve the assessor's recommendations for the charitable exemption applications. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Elderly, Disabled & Blind Exemption Applications

- 242-021-000
- 204-014-000
- 208-003-000
- 218-023-005
- 232-019-000
- 229-064-000
- 209-071-000

Having reviewed the assessor's recommendations pertaining to the elderly, disabled, and blind exemption applications (see attached) Mr. Belouin made the motion to approve the assessor's recommendations for the elderly, disabled, and blind exemption applications. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.


TO BE REVIEWED AND/OR SIGNED:

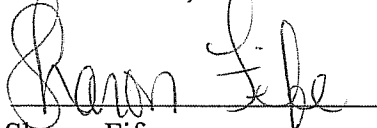
- Employee Payroll	<u>May 10th</u> \$12,036.00
- Employee Payroll	<u>May 17th</u> \$9,993.66
- Fire Department Payroll	<u>May 17th</u> <u>\$2,355.82</u>
- AP Manifest	\$69,866.99
- AP Maniffest	\$4,763.53
- Intent to Cut	211-001/003 – 212-011-001
- Land Use Change Tax	221-006-000
- Tax Warrant	\$2,498,351

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Belouin made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 2100.

Respectfully Submitted,

\s\ Russell McAllister
Town Administrator


Allen Belouin, Chair


Sharon Fife

Aaron Gill

MONTHLY REPORT**April 2017****NEWS:**

1. 2014 Hi-Pro Cruiser involved in 2 low speed incidents. It is away at body shop at this time.
2. Cadets are preparing for their annual Cadet Challenge Weekend Competition, which will be during the final week of May this year.

TRAINING:

1. Chief Pushee and Ofc. Bell attended TASER annual recertification at Antrim PD.
2. All Officers went through Annual Qualifications on Rifles and Shotguns.
3. Chief Pushee attended a Management Skills Seminar put on by Skillpath Seminars.
4. Chief Pushee completed an online training module to be re-certified as an instructor for the "3 year PT Testing" sequence required by Academy.
5. Chief Pushee attended a training session on the new "Felonies First" court processes that will start in September.

GRANTS:

1. 2017 STEP Grant Program : We have begun working these grant patrols.
2. 2017 DUI Grant Program: We have begun working these grant patrols.
3. 2018 Highway Safety Grant Programs- Chief Pushee has submitted online applications for STEP grant, DUI Grant, and Distracted Driving Grant, and an Equipment Grant to hopefully help pay for portion of new cruiser computer tablets and peripherals.

JUVENILE ACTIVITY:

1. No new JV cases in April 2017

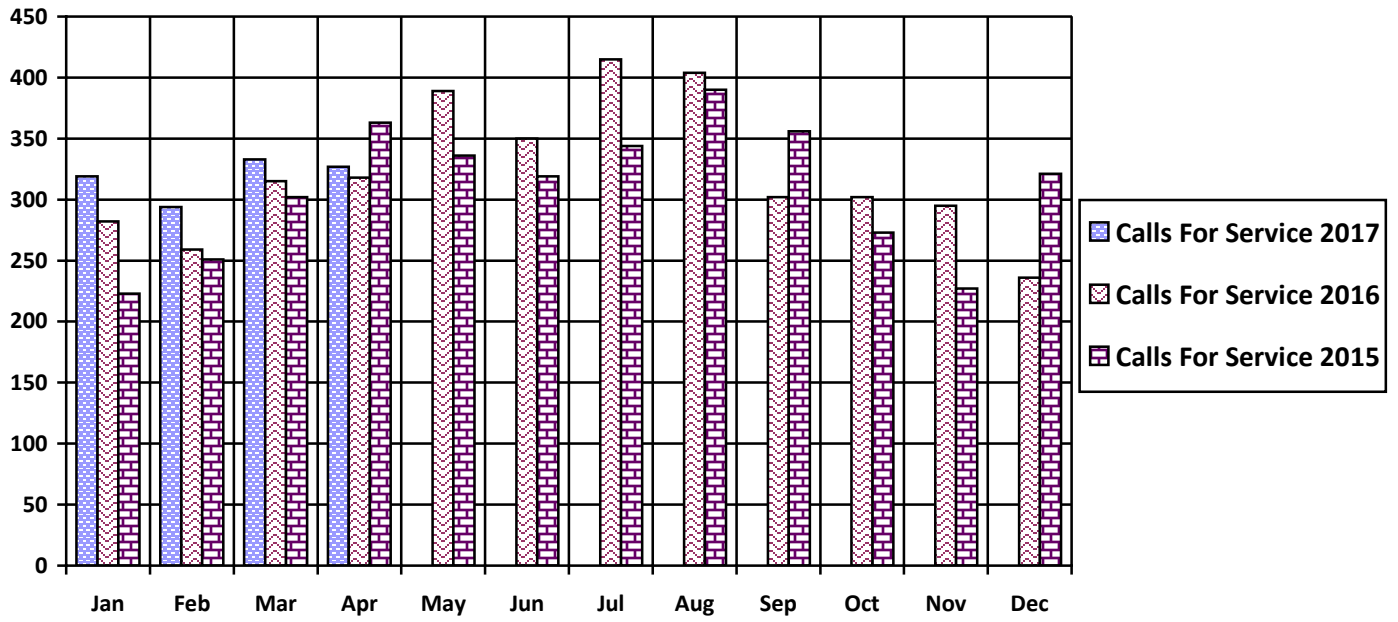
ACTIVITY REPORT:

Calls For Service Logged:	327	(this does not include many vacant home checks which are now counted separately in the new system)	
DPD Call Outs	3	(alarm, fire assist, suspicious activities, etc.)	
NHSP Call Outs	0	(
MV Enforcement:	104	(102 Warnings, 2 Summons, several arrests)	
MV Accidents:	3	(2 were low-speed cruiser involved incidents)	
ARRESTS Total:	3		
	Charges:	Burglary/Felony Theft	1
		Reckless Driving	1
		False Report to LE	1
NEW PENDING/ OPEN CASES:	4		
	Charges: Tattooing of a Minor	1	(warrants issued for the tattooer, he is in Mass and reluctant to come to NH)
	Burglaries	3	

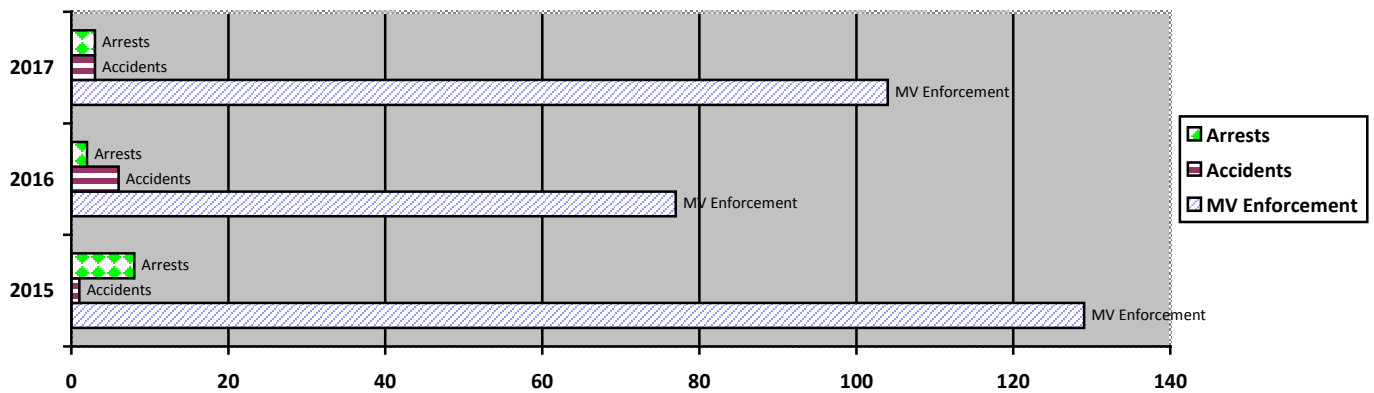
MILEAGE TOTAL: 3,009 miles from 1Apr2017 through 30Apr2017

2013 IntrcprUtil: 90,369 (1,941 miles in period) 2014 Intrcpr Util: 45,260 (1,068 miles in period)

Call For Service Stats- Monthly



Monthly Stats- April



RADAR TRAFFIC SURVEYS**March 2017****OFFICER TRAFFIC SURVEYS**

Totals	Rte 149 (0	2 nd NH Tpk(3	OldCounty (3	Clement (1	EstDrng (4
Total Cars					
Under Limit		15	5	4	16
+1 – 5 over		34	28	15	22
+6 – 10 over		13	33	2	12
+11 – 15 over		3	7	2	0
+16 – 20 over					
+ 21 over					
Stopped		3	4	2	0

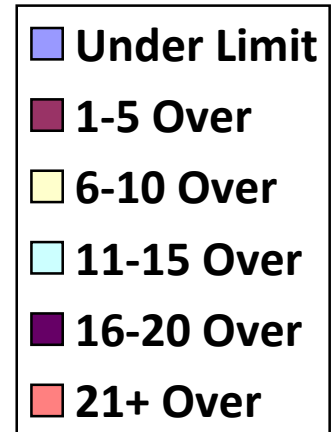
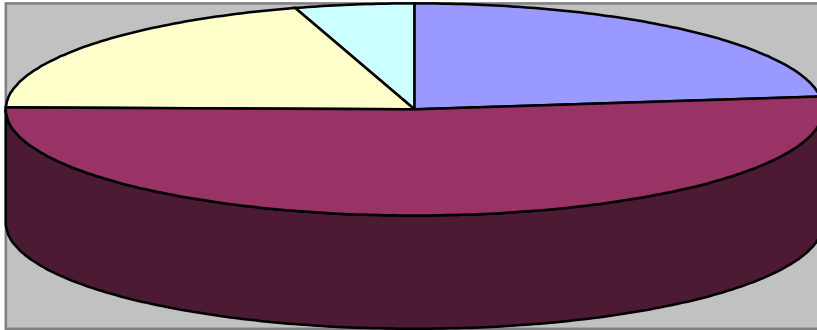
Totals	Rsvr (0	LngWds(3	Mnslvl(0	Other(1	Cross(1
Total Cars					
Under Limit		12		5	5
+1 – 5 over		35		3	11
+6 – 10 over		14		0	6
+11 – 15 over		0		0	0
+16 – 20 over					
+ 21 over					
Stopped		0		0	0

VOLUNTEER TRAFFIC SURVEYS

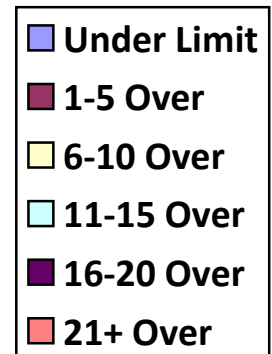
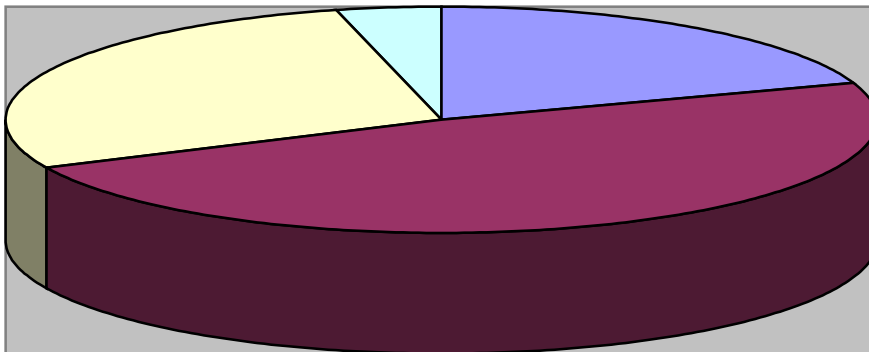
Totals	EastDrng(Union (Mill (OldCty(ClmtHill(LngWds (
Total Cars						
Under Limit						
+ 1 – 5 over						
+ 6 – 10 over						
+ 11 – 15 over						
+ 16 – 20 over						
+ 21 over						

Primary Roads / 3 Surveys

*** just after snow storm event**



Secondary Roads / 13 Surveys



To: Board of Selectmen
From: Chief Dan Gorman, Deering Fire & Rescue
Date: 05/10/2017
Subject: Fire & Rescue Report, 04/01/17 – 04/30/17

During the month of April Deering Fire & Rescue responded to eighteen (18) emergency incidents. six (6) fire responses, ten (10) medical calls and three (2) motor vehicle accidents. Out of the ten (10) medical aids and two (2) MVA's, a mutual aid ambulance was needed four (4) times.

During the month of April, fire personnel have been working on cleaning and reorganizing their stations. The Mordough station has been completely painted on the inside and looks great. McAllister and Donovan stations are working on reorganizing and finding creative spaces to store extra forestry and structural firefighter gear, equipment and supplies and other miscellaneous items. This month we will be removing everything including the carpeting from the upstairs training room at the Donovan Station so we can repaint and then new flooring will be put down.

I have talked with NH Department of Environmental Services regarding the permit process to install dry hydrants. We are currently looking to put a dry hydrant in behind the McAllister Station. This would be beneficial for the houses near there and it would give up a safer way to refill our apparatus after a fire or training because currently we must refill on the side of a road to fill our water tanks in the trucks. Also, His Mansion management has stated that they would be more than happy to have a dry hydrant in their pond. This would be a great source of water for the many buildings on the His Mansion property but also some homes on Deering Center Road near the pond.

We have set the date to have all personnel tested to be sure their Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) masks fit properly as recommended in 5.24 of the Fire and Rescue Study by MRI. We also have a date to have all the SCBA's tested in June per Recommendation 5.23 of the Fire and Rescue Study. I am currently looking companies to perform ladder, pump and hose testing in the upcoming months in accordance to the Fire and Rescue Study as well as NFPA guidelines.

Regarding the Per Diem Program, we have received fourteen (15) applications, two (2) paramedics, seven (8) Advance EMT's, and six (6) EMT's. Also, four members of Deering Fire & Rescue would like to participate in the program. With a little more than a week to going in the application period, I expect to see a couple more applications come in.

In April, Firefighter/Fire Training Coordinator Will Bannister put on a ropes and knots training as well as lifting tools techniques. In May, we will be training on boat operations. This involves making sure everyone is refamiliarize with operating it. We will practice responding to fires on the islands at the reservoir. Our three firefighters who are currently enrolled in the Firefighter I class are progressing very well and should complete the course by mid to end of June.

Sincerely,

Daniel Gorman, Fire Chief
Deering Fire & Rescue



TOWN OF DEERING

Highway Department

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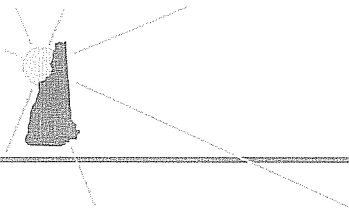
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April Highway Department Report

The last winter storm was no April fool's joke. It started on the last day of March and ended at days end on the first day of April. It was a mess to clean up after and it had melted by weeks end. We had left the spring load limit signs up a week longer than our neighboring towns and it had made our local contractors upset but our roads were just not ready. Our gravel roads have some soft edges but all in all we are in good shape. We started grading up the gravel roads, pulling in the ditches where we could little at a time. The guys started cleaning out culvert ends and spot ditching to make sure the water stays off the roads. With a rainy month, we had to babysit our beaver grates on our culverts because they are starting to get active. Seems like we have received enough rain to overcome our drought conditions from last year but I am told we are still a bit behind. The guys cleaned up the turn arounds and parking lots with just a pile or two left to pick up. Our new truck is on order and quotes are coming in for plow/wing/body set up. Whew, we made it through another winter.

Brian Houghton

Road Agent



Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.

A Municipal Services Company

May 8, 2017

**Town of Deering
Ann Mooney
Board of Selectmen
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244**

Re: Charitable Exemption Applications

Dear Ann & Board Members:

On behalf of the Deering Community Church, Treasurer, Peter S. Cram has submitted an application for a religious property tax exemption under RSA 72:23, III for property identified as Map 223, Lot 11. The documentation provided supports the application and I recommend that it be approved.

On behalf of the Deering Historical Society, Deputy Treasurer, Thomas Copadis has submitted an application for an educational property tax exemption under RSA 72:23, IV for property described as the East Deering Church. The application erroneously identifies the property as Map 223, Lot 11. It is actually Map 227, Lot 26. Pursuant to the statute, an educational property tax exemption is intended for entities with "buildings and structures of schools, seminaries of learning, colleges, academies and universities organized, incorporated or legally doing business in this state and owned, used and occupied by them directly for the purposes for which they are established, including but not limited to the dormitories, dining rooms, kitchens, auditoriums, classrooms, infirmaries, administrative and utility rooms and buildings connected therewith, athletic fields and facilities and gymnasiums...". While there is no doubt that the Deering Historical Society is a civic organization, no evidence was submitted with the application to suggest that they are actually operating a school. That being said, they also indicate in the application that the town voted to exempt the property in the 1980's. However, after April 1, 1958, there is no provision in state statute for the town to grant such an exemption. Based on the information provided, it does not appear that the Deering Historical Society qualifies for an educational property tax exemption.

His Mansion Ministries, Inc. has submitted an application for a charitable property tax exemption under RSA 72:23-V for properties identified as Map 222, Lots 8 & 10. The stated purpose of the organization is "to provide spiritual health and healing to those whose souls are tired and weary, to provide spiritual fulfillment as an alternative to various life-destroying addictions". Lot 8 is an approximate 77 acre parcel with numerous buildings associated with the facility. Historically, the town has determined that approximately 15 acres of this parcel and the associated buildings qualify, while the remaining 62 acres of vacant land does not meet the criteria that the property be "used and occupied by them directly for the purposes for which they are established". This land area is assessed in current use. Likewise, Lot 10 is an approximate 233 acre parcel also with numerous building associated with the facility. Historically, the town has determined that approximately 16.5 acres of this parcel and the associated

buildings qualify, while the remaining 216.5 acres of vacant land does not meet the criteria that the property be "used and occupied by them directly for the purposes for which they are established". This remaining land area is assessed in current use. Also, on this parcel is a cell tower leased to Crown Atlantic Co. The 0.057 acre tower site is fully taxable as it does not qualify for a charitable property tax exemption. Based on the information included with the application, it is my opinion that the buildings and 15 acres of Lot 8 and the buildings and 16.5 acres of Lot 10 qualify for a charitable property tax exemption.

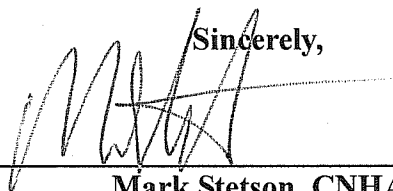
The Audubon Society of New Hampshire has filed an application for a charitable property tax exemption pursuant to RSA 72:23-V for Map 204, Lots 2, 5, 7 & 8, Map 211, Lots 1, 3 & 7 and Map 212, Lots 10 & 11-1. The documentation provided supports the application and I recommend that it be approved.

The Wilds of New England has filed an application for a charitable property tax exemption pursuant to RSA 72:23-V for Map 227, Lots 6, 16, 36, 39 & 39-1. The documentation provided supports the application and I recommend that it be approved. It should be noted that The Wilds of New England also owns property identified as Map 227, Lots 6 Taxed, 15, 16 & 18 that are taxable as they do not qualify to be exempt pursuant to the statute.

New England Forestry Foundation has again filed for a charitable property tax exemption under RSA 72:23-V for property identified as Map 233, Lot 11. This approximate 129 acre parcel is located on Old County Road. As I indicated to the Board in responses to similar applications submitted in prior years, there is case law in *Nature Conservancy v. Nelson* that states "A charitable organization is qualified for a tax exemption under the provisions of this section only when it is under obligation to provide to the general public, or some indefinite segment of it, certain benefits of the kind usually provided by charitable organizations, and must occupy and use its property for that purpose." While the purpose of the Foundation as stated in the Mission Statement includes educating landowners and the general public about the benefits of forest stewardship, multi-generational forestland planning, permanently protecting forests through gifts and purchases of land and conservation easements, and actively managing Foundation lands as demonstration and educational forests, these benefits are not the kind usually provided to the general public by charitable organizations. Further, there is no evidence that the NEFF is actively using and occupying the property. Based on that, I recommend that this application be denied.

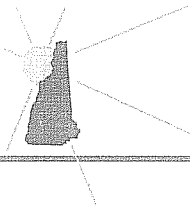
As always, should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Mark Stetson, CNHA
Assessor Supervisor

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May 8, 2017

**Town of Deering
Ann Mooney
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Re: Elderly, Disabled & Blind Exemption Applications

Dear Ann & Board Members:

Please note that this communication includes confidential information and therefore is not subject to the provisions of RSA 91-A, and should not be made available for public inspection.

Map 242, Lot 21 – Casaletto, Paul J. & Geraldine

Mr. & Mrs. Casaletto have submitted an application for an elderly property tax exemption pursuant to RSA 72:39-b. The statute stipulates that the value of the residence and the land upon which it is situated up to two acres in area are excluded from the asset limitation calculation. In this case, the subject property includes 20.73 acres and an additional camp style dwelling. Adding the assessed value of the 18.73 acres over and above the value of the two acres that are excluded from the asset limit calculation to the asset total that the applicant's provided puts them over the asset limit. As such, I recommend that this application be denied.

Map 204, Lot 14 – Mullins, Sean & Kelly

Mr. & Mrs. Mullins have submitted an application for a blind property tax exemption pursuant to RSA 72:37. Based on the documentation provided, I recommend that this application be approved.

Map 208, Lot 3 – Schoeneman, W. Daniel Jr. & Dianne E.

Mr. & Mrs. Schoeneman have submitted an application for an elderly property tax exemption pursuant to RSA 72:39-b. Based on the documentation provided, I recommend that this application be approved.

Map 218, Lot 23-5 – Corson, Robert W.

Mr. Corson has submitted an application for an elderly property tax exemption pursuant to RSA 72:39-b. Based on the documentation provided, I recommend that this application be approved. It should be noted that Mr. Corson is currently receiving a disabled property tax exemption. State law (RSA 72:37-b) stipulates that a property owner cannot receive both an elderly property tax exemption and a disabled property tax exemption. As such, I recommend that the disabled property tax exemption be removed from this property.

Map 232, Lot 19 – Wilson, Wayne & Rose

Mr. & Mrs. Rose have submitted an application for an elderly property tax exemption pursuant to RSA 72:39-b. It should be noted that the property is in a trust, however, a completed PA-33 form as required by RSA 72:33 was not submitted. In addition, documentation regarding property believed to be owned by the applicant's located in the Town of Antrim was not included with the application. I recommend that the applicant's be requested to complete a PA-33 form and that they be requested to submit a recent tax bill for property located in the Town of Antrim.

Map 229, Lot 64 – Ducas, Ann

Mrs. Ducas have submitted an application for an elderly property tax exemption pursuant to RSA 72:39-b. Included in the list of income sources is an amount withdrawn from a retirement account, however, no documentation was included indicating the balance in that account, which obviously needs to be included in the asset total. I recommend that the applicant be requested to provide an account statement, or such other information depicting the balance of any and all retirement accounts.

Map 209, Lot 71 – Johnson, Keith E. & Donna C.

Mr. & Mrs. Johnson have submitted an application for a disabled property tax exemption pursuant to RSA 72:37-b. Based on the documentation provided, I recommend that this application be approved.

Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Mark Stetson, CNHA
Assessor Supervisor

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Please Sign In

CHARLES A. CAIDES

Tom Czapka

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John Shaw

Paul Parker

Thomas Forsley