Templeton Board of Assessors

Meeting Minutes

9/3/2014

Present: Fred, Brad, John, and Luanne

Meeting opened at 2:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Brad and seconded by John to accept the minutes of 8/20/2014 meeting. A unanimous decision by the Board to accept the minutes.

Motor Vehicle Abatements were signed

Sewer Betterment payoffs were signed (1)

Bill warrants were signed (1).

Settlement paperwork for a pending ATB case was signed along with the Real Estate Abatement

Review and signed Senior Work Off Exemptions granted in FY14

Review and sign CP1 form for DLS (Community Preservation Surcharge Report due 9-15-14).

Old Business

Luanne updated the board on the new chapter lands approved for FY15.

Office move is still being discussed. The BOS have this on their agenda for Monday the 8th. Tentative date right now is October 8, 2014.

New Business

The board discussed FY14 books being closed out and if the tax rate was going to be set on time. This is a concern. Luanne informed the Board that she is working with Sue on getting the intermittent year assessment classification done and ready to submit to the DOR. Once this is done, no more growth or changes can be done in the system which causes concern as with the revaluation being done in FY16 this could put our office way behind. Last year with the tax rate being set so late or office was on hold for more than 6 months.

An issue with our revaluation account was discussed. Monies moved over at the STM in October 2013 to our Revaluation Account was talked about and how the accountant is questioning how it was “implied” on town meeting floor as to if the funds go into the general fund at year end or did the money get “rolled over” as it has always been done in the past with the revaluation account. The Board stands by the decision that the Revaluation Account has and will continue to be an account that rolls from year to year. This is voted on town meeting floor each year so as to put money away for revaluations (every 3 years) and cyclical valuations (every 9 years) of the town. That way the town is not hit hard in one year, it has always been submitted as an article each year and will continue. If the Board needs to get involved with this issue, to write a letter or whatever, just let them know.

An ongoing issue with the Town Accountant was also discussed by Luanne and the Board. The Board agreed that it is time to step in and send a letter of concern to the Town Administrator and copy all 5 Selectmen on it. The letter will be typed up and signed by the Board and sent.

A motion to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted.