

MINUTES OF
ST. GEORGE SELECTBOARD MEETING
April 12, 2007

Present: Tom Carlson, Phil Beliveau, Bob Gugerty, Barbara Young and Bill Hinman

Minutes of March meeting were approved.

Mail reviewed.

Tabled presentation from CSSWD as Tom Moreau did not appear..

Presentation from Bill Hinman. He now does assessing for Williston, Milton, Georgia and North Hero. Uses combination of town employees and independent contractors. Would like to work with Barbara a day to day public liason. His recommendations for successful reappraisal:

- one person to do all inspections, to get consistency

- use informal grievance procedure to educate taxpayers and resolve mistakes easily

- public relations, including a “show me how we might be wrong” approach vs. a prove how you’re right approach.

Thinks would need about 2 months to collect data, as early as next fall, to be followed by winter data analysis and 4/1/08 appraisal date.

Bill to come to Town Offices following week to review materials in order to give final bid.

Bob has kindly agreed to handle 911 coordination and has dug right into it. Board discussed a few discretionary questions and thanked Bob for his work.

Discussed discrepancies between convenience store design agreed with Selectboard and the as-built building. Tom to send letter to Handy atty underlining concern and inviting proposal to either reconstruct or compensate Town for difference.. Phil to get independent estimate of cost to reconstruct as designed.

Tax abatements. No actual request for abatement. Collector to handle petty amounts outstanding as she wishes.

Tabled schoolhouse update for lack of information.

Reviewed mail and zoning administrator’s report.

Signed trucking licenses and Rocky Ridge liquor license.

Adjourned 9 pm.; Next meeting May 10.

Submitted by Tom Carlson