

AD HOC TAXATION/ASSESSMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 14, 2011, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Bob Manchester.

Present were Committee Members Robert Manchester (chairman), Joel Hellmann, Donald Nessing, Robert Dillon and Joop Nagtegaal (secretary). Also present was Michael Minardi, Tax Assessor.

2. Selection of 2 Committee Members to Meet with Appraisal Resource for the Purpose of Reviewing Revaluation Data.

After some discussion, Bob Dillon moved that Joel Hellmann and Joop Nagtegaal be selected as the two committee members that would meet with Appraisal Resource for the purpose of reviewing the data. Don Nessing seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. Joop said that he would try to organize the meeting as soon as possible and would keep Joel posted.

Jeff Black of 3 Colley Court asked how the public could participate in this. Bob Manchester said that Joel and Joop together with Appraisal Resource are supposed to report about their meeting during the next Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, to be held on April 18 at 9AM, and that the public could ask questions then. Jeff Black said that this would not be very open since the public would not get insight in the preliminary assessment data. Bob Dillon pointed out that the ad hoc committee has been more open than any other town committee has served on, but that the committee does not have any preliminary assessment data.

Jeff Black said that he hasn't seen a conversion table how the data from the Vision system was converted to the AssessPro system. Bob Manchester said that the committee does not have a table. Joop Nagtegaal said that Allan Booth, one of the Town's independent consultants with lots of expertise in this area, has checked the conversion and has indicated this was done properly. Bob Manchester pointed out that the committee members are not experts on such data conversion, and that therefore the Town was asked

to hire an independent expert or experts. Jeff Black said he sees it as a flaw in the process that the committee does not look at the details of the conversion process.

Jeff also noted that the town website states that [the committee will] assist the Town Council in connection with its general supervisory responsibility regarding the process and procedures for assessments.. . Bob Manchester pointed out that the committee does not do that but is an advisory committee, and that the town website states this clearly: “The five-member advisory board, in accordance with the Consent Order and Settlement Agreement adopted by the Town Council, is charged with providing input and advice regarding the following: ...” Hence, the committee has no decision power other than the advice it gives.

Gary Morse of 2 Westwood Lane said he saw a preliminary neighborhood map during the meeting of April 11, and that he thought there were serious problems with that map. Joel pointed out that the map was not on the agenda on Monday or today, so that this was not the time to discuss this map. Gary said that since he had read in the Barrington Times that the assessment would be mailed out on April 18, there would be no opportunity to discuss this map. Bob Manchester said that the printed April 18 date was in error; the assessment will actually be mailed out on April 29, so that discussion opportunities will exist.

Jeff Black said that one of the charges of the committee would be to advise on the development of revaluation standards. It was noted that the committee had discussed this issue in earlier meetings, but that Appraisal Resource and the Town’s advisors had made clear that, aside of the IAAO standards, which are not useful for mass appraisals, no standards seem to exist that could be adopted. Joel pointed out that discussion of standards was not a topic on the agenda and that the committee should adjourn.

3. Adjourn

Upon a motion made by Joel Hellmann and seconded by Don Nessing, it was voted unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joop Nagtegaal, Secretary