

REAL PROPERTY & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

November 19, 2009

PRESENT:

Reginald Crowley, Chairman
Richard Keaveney
John Musall
Roy Brown
Raymond Staats
Margaret Robertson

ABSENT:

Douglas McGivney- notified
Valerie Bertram -notified
George Jahn -notified
Bart Delaney Jr.-notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Alberta Cox, Deputy Clerk
Suzette Booy
Tal Rappleyea

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Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

County Attorney: Tal Rappleyea:

T. Rappleyea handed out the Tax Sale Bids that were opened Thursday morning. Two were accepted and two will be put back out to bid in the next round in January or February 2010.

Real Property: Suzette Booy

S. Booy spoke on the Assessor Training that took place on November 6th at Kozels Restaurant. Subjects included PILOTS, FOREST EXEMPTIONS, FOIL, SDG, and INCOME FOR SENIORS. Twenty-two people attended; most Towns were represented. Sole Assessors received 5 continuing education credits towards their required annual credits of 24. In the past 18 months, Director, Suzette Booy; Deputy Director, Judy Bender and Alison Dooley from ORPS coordinated and held 5 training sessions in Columbia County for Assessors in which many of the Sole Assessors received a total of 26 continuing education credits. Assessors can also attend Board of Assessment Review Training, which is conducted by Suzette Booy once every 3 years to receive 3 C.E. credits.

Discussion on the Mapping Project that is well underway. Five Municipalities are done and have been sent back to our office. Another 2 Towns are expected to be completed next week. A representative from MPower will be training our tax mapping staff (in-house) on December 15th & 16th.

Resolution Request: Authorization to contract with System Development Group Inc. (SDG) for hosting assessment/inventory data on-line, not to exceed \$7,200.00. Motion to approve by R. Keaveney seconded by R. Brown. Vote was called with 5 ayes and 1 nay, motion carried.

Discussion on the Senior Citizen & Limited Income Disability Exemption – Memos were sent out to Towns and School Districts with regards to the Maximum Income Limits allowed for these Exemptions. S. Booy recommends that the County increase their current limits to: \$28,000 with a sliding scale up to \$36,400. This would need to be done by Local Laws and would require Public Hearings.

Resolution Request: Authorization to set the date and time for Public Hearing for two (2) Local Laws entitled “Establishing Income levels for Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemption” and “Establishing Income levels for Disabled and low income citizens Real Property Tax Exemption” for January 13th, 2010 at 7: PM. Motion to approve by R. Brown seconded by M. Robertson, motion carried.

With no further business, motion to adjourn at 5:01pm by R. Staats seconded by M. Robertson, motion carried.