

Minutes of the Selectmen's Worksession 5 June 2012

Members present: Lynn Sweet and JoAnn Brown

The meeting was called to order at 3:10PM

In attendance: Todd Haywood

Todd explained the process of the revaluation and the multipliers he used in the evaluation of land throughout Town. Some specific properties were reviewed for further clarification and some valuations were changed following the discussion.

Two ongoing situations were the subject of most of the meeting, dock "ownership" and the use of Right of Ways. Docks are claimed and used through deeded ownership, through "traditional" use, and through both sale and granting. ROWs, though most often deeded, are not always available, accessible, or convenient. All were in agreement that how these are evaluated and assessed can be challenging.

Several ROWs, especially in the Browns Pasture area, were reviewed. It was agreed that all ROWs are not equal, and it was suggested that perhaps the Selectmen and Assessing Department might together visit some of these areas.

To understand both docks and the ROWs it is necessary to examine deeds. A suggestion was made to make funds available for this in the next revaluation.

Though Todd reported that as his department is checking data on lake properties, they are taking careful note of the actual quality, "boatability" and "swimmability" of the lake frontage.

Both the Selectmen and the Assessing Department are in agreement that equity throughout all the assessments is the goal.

With no further business at this time to address the meeting adjourned at 3:55