

MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
May 17, 2010

Attending: John Prentiss, Chairman, Vincent Ritchie, Diane Lanney

Others Attending: Deb Roussel (Town Administrator), Ed Blanchard (FC), Harald Scheid, Regional Resource Group, Inc, (RRG)

7:15 p.m. interview with Diane Peterson. Not MAA certified, as she does not believe certification is needed. Looking for possible regional agreement, less than 32 hours. Current salary is double what Hubbardston would pay.

Ms. Peterson exited the meeting.

Ms. Roussel stated Harald Scheid of RRG had contacted her after seeing the DA job posted on the MAAO website, offering his company's services as "regionalized" service. Ms. Lanney stated he had interviewed with the BOA several years ago when an RFP for Reval and Real Estate Full Measure and List. She stated offices that have hired his firm have had issues with data "ownership" accessibility; the firm is an all or nothing option in regards to reassessment. Ms. Lanney clarified that the services are a simple contractual agreement. Where the BOA currently contracts with two different firms, this would be one firm.

7:50 p.m. Harald Scheid, Regional Resource Group. He provided a brief overview of the services his company offers. He would like to provide a proposal. \*Mr. Scheid will get some Assessors' annual costs from Lancaster, and Sterling. RRG would provide an Associate Assessor 1 – 1 ½ days per week, one of which would be on-site. All Reval, Interim, Inspections only. Other services are available at an additional cost. Their access is remote to a Town. \* They can provide custom programs that run off existing systems by creating a separate database. Ms. Roussel stated that the Selectboard and Fin Com are interested in meeting with Mr. Scheid. \*Mr. Scheid will provide an example proposal for the BOA to review.

8:06 p.m. interview with Susan Byrne. Vadar for motor vehicle and abatement of real estate and personal property. Site hosted \$1200 - \$1500 annual.

Chris Norcross entered the meeting.

Ms. Byrne exited the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Blanchard, as Fin Com Chair introduced Chris Norcross as one of the two new Fin Com liaisons to the BOA. Mark Connery will work with Mr. Norcross. The BOA thanked the FC for the reassignment of liaisons.

Mr. Blanchard also stated the Fin Com had no awareness of Mr. Scheid as previously stated by Ms. Roussel, nor does Fin Com have any desire for involvement in the BOA's hiring of a Deputy Assessor replacement.

Appointment scheduled for 8:45 p.m. with Mr. Ron Pichierri. Did not show.

Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Norcross exited the meeting.

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Entered into Executive Session to review Abatement and Exemption Applications with intent to return to open session to adjourn.  
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Discussed at length interview candidates. It was decided not to wait another week to make an offer, as Susan Byrne is an exceptional fit for the position.

Motion: Mr. Ritchie

To offer Susan M. Byrne the position of Deputy Assessor at 32 hours per week for \$33,366.85 annually and to begin as soon as possible.

Second: Mr. Prentiss

All In Favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

  


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