

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2010
5:00 PM

On August 9, 2010, the Board of Selectmen held a Joint Meeting with the Board of Assessors at 5:00 PM at the Assessors Office. The Board of Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Yeatts at 5:00 PM. Selectman present: Selectman Yeatts, Selectman Olivier and Selectman Maksy. Also present: Town Administrator Rita Garbitt.

The Board of Assessors Meeting was already in session. Assessors Present: Dana Lucas, Janet Black and Paul Meleedy. Assessors Employees present: Benjamin Mello, Norman Taylor and Holly Rodrigues.

Selectman Yeatts updated the Boards regarding her meeting at the State House on August 5, 2010 regarding Sysco. Dana Lucas asked the Board of Selectmen if they would consider adopting the property tax work off program for seniors. The Board of Selectmen will contact other communities and look into it further after the Special Town Meeting.

Discuss staffing levels at the Assessors Office

The Boards had a lengthy discussion about the five (5) hours being offered to the Assessors Office by an employee from the Treasurer/Collector's Office. The Assessors argued they cannot stop to train someone when they are shorthanded. Five (5) hours of untrained help is not enough. They need 12 hours of their own experienced help.

Field Clerk Norman Taylor will start completing mileage logs again. The Assessors will sign off bi-weekly and forward to the Town Administrator.

The Boards discussed the Assessors Office being open to the public only three (3) days a week and closed on Fridays. Selectman Maksy stated the office should be open to the public because they are supposed to serve the public, and he knows of no other offices that are open only three (3) days a week. The Selectmen will look at the savings at being closed on Fridays and see whether it makes sense for the Assessor's office to go back to a five (5) day work week so that the public may have more access.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Selectman Olivier and seconded by Selectman Maksy, the Board

VOTED: To adjourn their Meeting at 6:05 PM.
 Unanimous in favor.