

**Minutes  
Bethel Board of Assessors  
11.03.10**

**November 3, 2010, 8:00 AM**

**Town Office**

Members Present: Donald Bennett, Bob Blake, Robert Everett, Stan Howe  
Members Absent: David Luxton  
Staff Present: Sarah S. Tucker, Assessing Assistant, Jake Van Tuinen, Assessors  
Agent  
Others Present: None

There is a full recording of the meeting in Windows Media Audio file format

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stan Howe called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes: October 6, 2010

Don Bennett made the motion to approve the minutes, Bob Blake seconded the motion. Stan Howe and Don Bennett voted to approve the minutes; Bob Blake abstained from voting because he did not attend the meeting.

Bob Everett joined the meeting.

3. Consideration of Abatements and Supplementals

1. Carter, Thomas Intervale Rd. Map 18 Lot 44-1 Acct. # 2794 Should have been all in TG	\$39,700	39,700
2. Walker, Stanley  420 Walkers Mills Rd. Map 04 Lot 012 Acct. 155 Veterans and Homestead removed in error	\$16,000	16,000
3. Susan Lincoln & Glenn Kerr 1160 Intervale Rd. Map 23 Lot 22 Acct. 3070 Homestead should have been removed	\$10,000	\$10,000
4. Curtis, Brenda 5 Cushing Rd. Map 05-030 Acct. 323 Mh was removed in July 2009	\$13,500	\$13,500

5. Wodka, Brenda 17 Church St. Map 25 Lot 37 Acct. 3196 Homestead should have been removed, out of state address	\$10,000	\$10,000
6. Tornrose, Russell & Holly 15 Clark St. Map 25 Lot 214-1 Acct. 4612 Homestead should have been removed	\$10,000	\$10,000
7. Hutchins, Jeffrey C. off Annis rd. Map 07 Lot 57 Acct. # 1254 Lot is landlocked & wet, overvalued	\$25,900	\$25,900
8. Gibson, Frank North Rd. Map 11 Lot 79 Acct. # 1623 Land should have been valued as Farm		\$7,700

Assessing Assistant Sarah Tucker explained that items 3, 5 & 6 should have listed on the agenda as supplementals. Jake Van Tuinen corrected the spreadsheet.

Jake and Sarah explained the details of each of the agenda items. There was discussion.

After discussion Bob Everett made the motion to approve the supplemental items 3, 5 & 6, Don Bennett seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved.

Robert Everett made the motion to approve abatement items 1, 2, 4, 7 & 8, Don Bennett seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved.

#### 4. Other Business

Robert Everett asked about life estates and Homestead and Veterans Exemptions. Sarah Tucker explained that if a grantor maintained a deeded life estate to a property they could continue to receive their Homestead and Veterans Exemptions.

Bob Everett asked about the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund “Circuit breaker” Program. The state program rebates property taxes or rent payments to eligible participants. Jake Van Tuinen said that the program was completely administered by the state. Stan Howe offered some information at the program. Bob Everett asked information about the program could be provided at the Town Office; Jake agreed that the Town Office could provide links to the information.

There was discussion of widows receiving Veterans Exemptions of deceased veterans.  
The Assessing Assistant agreed to put the topic on the next agenda.

5. Adjournment

Rob Everett made the motion to adjourn; it was unanimously approved.

Jake Van Tuinen explained each of the requested or recommended abatements and supplementals and answered questions from the Board. There was discussion.

After discussion Don Bennett recommended approval of items 1-9, David Luxton seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was approved.

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

5. Adjournment

Don Bennett made the motion to adjourn; it was unanimously approved.