

Greenville Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Public Meeting

July 23, 2008

Members present: Scott Blease, Brenda Bergeron, Kathy Washburn (arrived at

Meeting opened at 6:45 p.m.

Carol Holden – Hillsborough County Commissioner

Carol Holden came to tell the Board that they want to keep the budget stable, thus the tax rate. They are updating their web site, installing a new phone system to update the antiquated system they currently have. She advised the Board that they have programs to assist the towns with projects, prescription drug cards for underinsured to assist them in purchasing prescriptions.

Avitar – Gary Roberge and Dan Langille

Dan Langille told the Board that over past few years they have been reviewing all parcels in town and this year they have reviewed the values of town and all properties to be sure that all properties were done correctly. They are seeing that as the market is declining there will be a change in the values in town. The land values have not seen many sales so there will not be many changes. He stated that the biggest change is the building values which will be going down as well as the mobile homes. D. Langille stated that as they have gone through these changes they have found that the equalized rate to be around 99%. G. Roberge said that around this area he has seen that the market is pretty stable but still may see changes as the market nationwide continues to change. He stated that they will continue to look at the sales to be sure they are staying within range. D. Langille said that the next step will be to send out notices to taxpayers advising them of their new assessments and giving them the opportunity to meet with Avitar to discuss their assessment. G. Roberge also stated that on this letter they will also be given a web site that they will be able to look at all the assessments in town and compare to their own, this gives them the tools they need to come in to their meetings with questions. This site is not open to the general public, they are given a unique password to access the site. A sample letter was given to the Board to see what the residents would be getting. D. Langille said that after this process they will review all the data and values and then set up another appointment with the Board to go over their final findings.

B. Bergeron questioned whether the other members of the Board were interested in obtaining proposals for the future with Avitar. G. Roberge stated that they will automatically be sending a proposal to the town sometime in September.

Budget Committee – Tom Barrett, Shirley Winslow, Rose Thibault

Tom Barrett stated that he understood they were willing to discuss the budget process for 2009 tonight. They would like to see the budget process start earlier this year, next month. After discussion it was agreed that worksheets would be sent out to Department Heads and Boards in August with a submission date of no later than September 2, 2008 for the 2009 budgets. They will also be required to include detail on each line item of

their budget as to what is included in that line item. Budget Committee and Selectmen will meet jointly with Department Heads and Boards beginning on September 17,.

Robert Tirrell – Pleasant Street

Board discussed a request made by Robert Tirrell for an extension of time to continue to remove the unregistered – uninspected vehicles on his property and to be able to have one unregistered – uninspected vehicle on each of the lots owned by him. After discussion the Board agreed to allow 2 additional weeks to remove the vehicles, due to the weather conditions, and will allow one unregistered – uninspected vehicle on each lot. Mr. Tirrell will be sent a letter with their decision and advised that he will be assessed for each of these lots in 2009.

Welfare Work Program

The Board discussed beginning a welfare work program where recipients of town welfare will work to pay off their debt to the town. All work will be credited towards the amount of assistance they have received. Linda Langille will contact Welfare Administrator Christine Lavery concerning this program.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by,
Linda Langille

Minutes approved by,
Board of Selectmen

Scott Blease, Chairman

Kathleen Washburn

Brenda Bergeron