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Board of Assessors
Town of Merrimac
Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2018

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I. Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Edward R. Davis called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Assessors at 10:03 a.m. on July 17, 2018 in Room C, in Town Hall.

II. Present:

Chairman Edward Davis, Members William Pollman, Louise Lingerman and Assessor Clerk, Heather Roche were present.

III. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2018, were approved.

IV. Open Items

Members of the Board Signed Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements. Bill Pollman also brought to the attention of the Board a copy of a window sticker of a new vehicle illustrating that the Manufacturer includes the destination charge as part of the MSRP and is so designated. Therefore, for excise tax purposes the total MSRP, including destination charges, is to be used for the final determination of the total tax due.

Chairman Ed Davis explained that a 10% Depreciation should be applied to Mr. Smith's Lot #s 36-1-16, 36-1-19 and 36-1-13 to bring these lots into conformity with the other lots on Colonial Drive due to the easements already in existence. This was to correct an oversight on these lots. A motion was made and voted, 3 YES, 0 NO.

Members discussed the property measurements of 11 Nichols Street and determined that the property lines were correct but the building placement by Mimap was incorrect. There has been an ongoing problem and Bill has agreed to pursue the issue with Jerrard Whitten of Merrimack Valley Planning to obtain information as to the possibility of deleting the pink portion on the program (buildings and structures) to attempt to eliminate the issue in the future.

Chairman Ed Davis brought up the subject of increasing the wages of the Assessors for their field/office work they accomplish throughout the year. Currently the hourly wage is $20.00/hr. He proposed increasing it to $25.00/hr. since it has been at the same rate for more than 10 years and was not inline with other communities. Also, it was pointed out that our budget included $6,000 for Assessor wages and there would be no need to ask for an increase in our budget at this time insofar there was ample funds to pay this increase. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman