

Templeton Board of Assessors
Meeting Minutes
10-26-11

Present: Dan, Steve, Fred , Luanne and Sue. Also in attendance were John Driscoll, Frank Moschetti, Julie Farrell, Kurt Moschetti, Dennis Rose and 2 Representatives from Investar.

Meeting opened at 3:00 p.m. by Dan.

Minutes from 10-12-11 meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Steve and seconded by Dan. Unanimous decision by the board.

Motor Vehicle Abatements were signed, (1).

Bill warrant was reviewed and signed.

New Business: Sue and Dan updated Steve on a meeting they went to regarding MRPC and GPS mapping. We will be trying to work with MRPC and our mapping company (Cartergraphics) with multiple town departments to add various information to this mapping system for a town wide mapping system.

Cleaning Company issues were discussed. The Board of Selectmen sent a letter to Proclean and is waiting for a response from them.

3:15 p.m. The meeting now turned to a discussion with Investar, a solar company looking to come into town and has been working with the Light Department. They are looking for a payment in lieu of taxes for their solar plant. A figure they arrived at was for \$5,400.00, this is based on 15% of the 36,000 of the power they are selling to the town. The area they are looking at to develop is between 509 & 559 Baldwinville Road, owned by Templeton Heights LLC, with a total of about 69 acres to which 12 acres for the actual solar panels. Sue informed Investar that these properties are delinquent in taxes. Investar gave some information and then questions were asked. Fred was concerned how this compared to Winchendon's new solar plant in which they were going to be getting \$70,000 a year in lieu of taxes. A lot of questions were raised regarding the PPA that is pending with the Light Department to which Investar and John Driscoll were unable to answer at this time. The board felt that certain questions will need to be answered before a decision can be rendered and it was decided for the board to make up a list of questions for Investar and to get back to them with it in a month or so. Dan stated the Board of Assessors works for the benefit of the tax payers and what is in their best interest. Sue also informed Investar that this would have to be something that would have to be voted for at town meeting. Kirk Moschetti stated that it would also have to be brought to the Planning Board for a site plan review. Investar was looking at December as the move ahead time, but with these issues this would not be the case. These panels will be ground mounted stainless steel pylons, with a secured touch security fenced area electronically monitored. The value of this project is 12 million dollars. Sue and the Board asked Julie if it would be possible to have town counsel come to a meeting and help us with a list of questions. Julie didn't think there would be a problem. The board would like to meet again next Wednesday, November 2, at 2 p.m. to further discuss this. This will be a posted open meeting. Investar, John Driscoll and other people left the meeting at 4:17 p.m. and the Board continued with the rest of their meeting.

New Business: The impact of Special Town Meeting articles was discussed. Mainly, Article 12, to which no dollar figure was presented. The Board would like to inform the taxpayers, as what has been done in the past, of what exactly this debt exclusion will cost each tax payer. Dan will be going to the Municipal Building

Committee meeting on Thursday and hopefully will have a figure for this article. Once a figure is presented, the figures can be worked up and presented to the Gardner News to inform the taxpayers what a \$1 will raise on the tax rate.

Old Business: None

A motion was made to adjourn @ 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.