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Minutes of the March 31, 2009 Special Meeting

Board members in attendance: Mark Wigmore, Dennis Fallon and Will Fiske
Members of the Public: John E. Pearson, of the Valley Freemasons and Betty Fiora
Staff: David Gardner, assessor

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm.

Chairman Wigmore took up item # 3 of the agenda first and read the minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting. Mark Wigmore moved and Dennis Fallon seconded a motion to approve the minutes as read, and the motion passed 3-0.

The Board then moved on to consideration of the minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting, and Mr. Wigmore began by reading item #45, which related the Board's consideration and granting of exemption of the Valley Freemasons' property. Mr. Pearson had some questions about the procedure and possibility of maintaining the exemption at their newly-acquired location at 991 Hopmeadow Street, which is now vacant land.

The board members brought up additions and corrections to be made to the minutes, which are identified by the item number as listed in the minutes:

#20 - Insert "10%" in the last sentence of that item, after "Tolland Circle", and before "for shape"...

22 - Change estimated to estimate.

#27 - Insert a new sentence after the second sentence: "The Board is prohibited from superseding the statute."

31 - Check the spelling of Sienna, and correct as needed.

38 - Delete "compared" where it first occurred in the sentence.

48 - correct the spelling of assessment, where the word first occurs.

Dennis Fallon made and Will Fiske seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2009 as corrected.

The Board took up Item # 2 of the agenda, the Board heard from the assessor that Inergy, LLC, which the Board had voted on March 5 to add to the list, had already filed declarations and been assessed. Mark Wigmore made and Dennis Fallon seconded a motion to rescind the assessment added at the March 5, 2009 meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

Returning to Item # 1, the Board considered the appeal of Kathleen Phelan of the assessment of her property at 315 West Mountain Road. Patrick Sullivan, Assistant Assessor had inspected this property inside and out on Friday, March 27, 2009. Dennis Fallon related Mr. Sullivan's findings to the members. The Board also received a letter from the homeowner expressing her opinion on the matter as well as making several statements about the condition of the house, what been done and what still remained, among other things.

Mr. Fallon made and Mark Wigmore seconded a motion to make no change in the assessment of this property.

David Gardner brought up the assessment of 60 Terry's Plain, upon which the Board had acted on March 26, 2009. In order to resolve a difference in total living area between the assessor's card and the homeowner, he had visited and remeasured the house on March 30 and had subsequently revised the card and the value.

Mark Wigmore made and Will Fiske seconded a motion to accept the card as revised and to value the property at \$524,080. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David M. Gardner
Assessor

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