SHELBURNE BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES of February 23, 2015 Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM Attending: Alan Coutinho, Jim Richardson, Joe Mattei, Bill Barry
- 2) Signed:
 - a. Minutes from prior meeting
 - b. Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatements
 - c. summary report for December
 - d. MVE tax commitment #7 for 2014
 - e. Four Warrant to Collector for FY2015 Tax Bills for Town and Rural Fire District
 - f. Warrant to collector for FY2015 Sewer Amounts added to Annual Taxes
 - g. Exemptions for Town & Fire District

3.) Board discussed the absence, thus far, of a response from the SelectBoard to the January 13 "Report on Assessors Office Operations".

4.) Board discussed frustrations with the Selectboard's recent position classification/salary study and the underfunding of the Assistant Assessor position.

5.) Bill provided an update on the problem involving Personal Property Duplicate Billing of Four Taxpayers Involves Shelburne, Buckland, Village Fire District and Shelburne Rural Fire District. Total amount of annual duplicate billing was small (less than \$1500 total, depending on which district's tax rate involved). This problem has existed since at least FY2008. Bill reported on a plan to correct this issue by eliminating the data transfer (from Shelburne to Village FD) for two properties. For the other two properties, Bill will be working with Marion Scott to resolve question of how district taxation of these two property valuations should possibly(?) be prorated between Shelburne and the Village FD. Bill will report back on this, at a future Board of Assessors meeting.

6.) FY2015 Abatement Applications for Real & Personal Property. Board agreed to focus on these at next meeting.

7.) Status of FY2016 Applications on Chapter Land: Topic tabled until next meeting due to insufficient time.

8.) Bill provided a brief update on correction made in CAMA for 4 High St. Lot size in CAMA was .12 acres, did not match sq footage on tax maps. Tax Maps lot size is correct, CAMA changed to .345 acres. No change needed in valuation of land.

9.) Confirmed that the next meeting will be Monday March 16.

10) Adjourned at 6:55 PM