

MINUTES – New Salem Board of Assessors
ZOOM CONFERENCE MEETING
March 28, 2023, 7:00PM

Present: Board Members – Bill Lafley, Eric Hamm and Dave Briand. Also attending Adam Hemingway

Meeting commenced at 7:03 PM

Minutes of Open meeting – 3/14/23 - Approved – unanimous

Documents: There are 4 veteran and 5 senior (4 approved and 1 denial for over income guidelines) exemptions; 3 MV Abatements; 1 Warrant in the office for the board to sign.

Board discussed and agreed to keep people in the Chapter 61 program if they missed the deadline this year due to not receiving a reminder letter to file their application. Board also agreed that this would not apply to people who have not renewed for more than last year.

Farm Plates – Adam proposed exempting all farm plates beforehand to avoid folks needing to apply for abatements. Dave raised the issue of farm vehicles that are used for farm and personal use need to pay excise tax. Motion was made and seconded to Exempt Farm plates beforehand that are used exclusively for farming activities. Motion passed Eric Hamm aye, Dave Briand aye, Bill Lafley aye. Adam will need to check with holders of Farm plates whether vehicles are used for any personal use.

Eric noted there is proposed legislation to loosen the Chapter 61 requirements to try to increase participation.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the open meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a few abatements. Eric Hamm aye, Dave Briand aye, Bill Lafley aye.

Next meeting – Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM

Respectfully,

Bill Lafley
Chair, New Salem Board of Assessors