

Assessors Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015
Buckland Town Hall

Meeting was held on Thursday January 8, 2014 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Sandy Lilly The meeting was a combined meeting with the Buckland Board of Assessors at the Buckland Town Hall on State Street in Buckland.

Present Ashfield Board of Assessors: Sandy Lilly (SL), Rick Chandler (RC), Donna Sarro (DS), Jennifer Morse (JM)

Present Buckland Board of Assessors: Pam Guyette, Sammy Purington, Marion Scott

Others: Andrea Llamas – Buckland Town Administrator, Franco Rossi- CAI Technologies

Buckland/Ashfield Town Line

Franco Rossi President of CAI Technologies accessed the Buckland Online site to demonstrate the current MASS GIS town line. Franco explained to the boards that the MASS GIS uses the MASS DOT coordinates to create the town line. He then pulled up a survey for the property that brought the situation to light. This survey matched the respective maps almost perfectly, what was off was the town line of the survey. Franco then demonstrated that if the survey town line was correct how much of a discrepancy it would be that would affect many properties in both towns and the abutting town of Hawley. Franco also brought to the attention of the boards that other surveys have been done that show the town line correct according to Mass GIS and that the town.

Franco felt as if there are three scenarios to the problem. 1. That MASS DOT is correct and has the coordinates correct 2. That the Survey is correct (although the survey states the town line is approximate) 3. That the town line bends but that is usually not the case. Several times Franco stated that he feels as if the Mass GIS is correct. CAI Technologies can go out and pinpoint the coordinates for a fee of \$1500 if the towns would like. The entire town line could also be surveyed which would be very costly.

It seems that several properties on the town lines will be affected and discussion turned to the best way to approach the problem. It was suggested that Franco create a document that states the issues and his opinion. Jenn and Pam will coordinate to contact DOR once the document is complete for legal advice on how to move forward. The boards will then meet again to discuss.

In the meantime CAI will mark the Buckland Town Maps with a note that states that the Town Line is currently in question.

A motion was made by SL and seconded by RC to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
Jennifer Morse
January 9, 2015

Approved 1/12/15 Vote: 3-0

