

Assessors Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2015
Buckland Town Hall

Meeting was held on Thursday March 5, 2014 and called to order at 4:05 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)

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

Others: Ron Coler (Ashfield Selectboard), Andrea Llamas (Buckland Town Administrator), John Riggan (Buckland Selectboard)

Buckland/Ashfield Town Line

Pam Guyette gave an update on the responses since the last meeting and background of how this discrepancy was discovered. The issue first came to light based on a Verizon 911 inquiry. After the initial meeting both boards agreed to contact DOR for input. DOR deflected to Mass GIS. Both Mass GIS and CAI mapping agree that the line is correct due to DOT documentation that pinpointed the monuments. RC also stated that a stone wall and other monuments showed that the line is correct.

Ron Coler brought up that there is more than one property, Pam stated that Ned James house is in Ashfield but it appears that there is a shed in Buckland. Pam stated that most of the changes along the line will be minimal changes in acreage. Clark's gun shop will be affected.

SL asked if they would have to get new deeds. Pam stated that she didn't believe so because the properties affected have land in Ashfield and Buckland.

Pam brought up the Buckland and Ashfield Fire Department issues with emergency calls.

Next Steps:

- Pam has contacted Buckland Town Counsel for an opinion on how to move forward. After discussion it was decided that Ashfield will hold off on contacting town counsel.
- Both boards agreed that the town line is as on the Mass GIS mapping and CAI mapping.
- Decided that January 1 would be a good date to transfer the property. Pam stated that everything should be transparent between all town boards. Pam suggested a meeting between the board and property owners to explain, it was suggested to explain in a letter and then have property owners request a meeting if so desired. Waiting for town counsel input.

Ron Coler stated that he felt comfortable bringing the information to the Ashfield Selectboard.

A motion was made by SL and seconded by RC to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. VOTE: 2-0

Submitted by:
Jennifer Morse
March 9, 2015

Approved: 3/16/15 VOTE: 2-0-1