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Title 39B - Assessors

TITLE 39B
ORDINANCE CONCERNING ASSESSORS

Be it ordained by the Voters of the Town of Goshen legally assembled:

1. The Board of Assessors as presently constituted as a five-person board is hereby continued.
2. The terms of the members of the Board of Assessors of the Town of Goshen currently in office are hereby continued as currently established and positions are hereby filled by the existing members for their existing terms.
3. Annually hereafter, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a member or members to the Board of Assessors for a term of three years to fill any expired term or terms.
4. The members of the Board of Assessors shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for their necessary expenses. All members of the Board of Assessors shall be electors of the Town. The provisions of Section 9-167(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes relating to minority representation shall apply to the Assessors.
5. The Board of Assessors shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the Board of Assessors.
6. The Board of Assessors have the following duties:
 - a. The Board of Assessors shall hire or contract with a Town Assessor, who shall be a Connecticut Municipal Assessor certified and approved by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, and whose qualifications shall be approved by the Board of Selectmen. The Town Assessor may be an independent contractor whose contract may be for a term of up to three years. The Town Assessor shall have at least five years of appraisal and assessment experience with emphasis on rural, lakefront, and residential properties. The compensation for the Town Assessor shall be paid from the annual budget approved for the Board of Assessors. The Town Assessor need not be a resident of the Town of Goshen. Vacancies in the office of Town Assessor shall be filled by the Board of Assessors, subject to approval of qualifications by the Board of Selectmen.
 - b. The Board of Assessors shall serve as an advisory board to the Town Assessor and the Board of Selectmen.
 - c. The Board of Assessors shall review the Town Assessor's annual budget request and recommend appropriate levels of funding to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.
 - d. The Board of Assessors, working with the Town Assessor, shall review revaluation bid specifications, contracts, procedures and expenses and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.
 - e. The Board of Assessors shall assist the Town Assessor whenever assistance is requested by the Assessor.
 - f. The Board of Assessors shall hold meetings quarterly or as otherwise determined by the Board.
 - g. In the event of the failure of the Town Assessor to carry out the duties herein prescribed, the Town Assessor may be removed from office by a vote of majority of the Board of Assessors.
 - h. The Board of Assessors, working with the Town Assessor, shall prepare its report to be included in the Town annual report.

7. The duties of the Town Assessor are the following:

- a. The Town Assessor shall fulfill all of the duties of the Assessor or Board of Assessors as prescribed by the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may from time to time be amended.
- b. Manage and supervise the office of Town Assessor in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes and follow procedures set forth in the "Handbook for Connecticut Assessors".

8. This ordinance shall be effective fifteen days after the publication thereof as required by law.

Adopted: December 9, 2002

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Effective: December 27, 2002