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Title 39 - Assessors - 1984

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ORDINANCE CONCERNING ASSESSORS - 1984

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

1. The terms of the Assessors of the Town of Goshen currently in office are hereby terminated, and the Board of Assessors as presently constituted is hereby abolished.
2. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint five Assessors to take office as of the effective date of this ordinance. One of said Assessors shall be appointed for a term to end July 1, 1985, two for a term to end July 1, 1986, and two for a term to end July 1, 1987. Annually thereafter, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint an Assessor or Assessors for a term of three years to fill the expired term or terms.
3. The Assessors shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for their necessary expenses. They shall hold no other paid Town office. At least one Assessor shall be a land-owner, one shall be a lake property owner, and one shall be a farmland owner. All of said 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.
4. The Assessors shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the Board of Assessors.
5. The Board shall have all of the powers and perform all of the duties provided for Assessors by the laws of the State of Connecticut. The duties shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - Formulate and document the assessment policies that will guide the assessment consultant in all areas. These policies should be formulated with the help and advice of the assessment consultant and should be available for public inspection.
 - Develop and implement a procedure for checking aerial survey maps; resolving questions raised by land owners; and making maps an acceptable basis for use in formulating the Grand List.
 - Formulate an annual budget recommendation for the Office of the Board of Assessors.
 - Hold regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings with minutes duly filed.
 - Assist the assessment consultant in carrying out the duties of the Assessor's Office.
 - Sign and certify to the Grand List.
 - Make recommendations to the Town as to the need for undergoing a revaluation prior to 1989.
6. The Board of Assessors shall appoint a part-time assessment consultant who is a Connecticut Municipal Assessor certified and approved by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, and whose qualifications are approved by the Board of Selectmen and at least one other certified Connecticut Municipal Assessor, for a term to end July 1, 1986, and biennially thereafter for a term of two years. Such appointee shall have had at least five years of appraisal and assessment experience with emphasis on rural and residential properties. The compensation for the consultant shall be paid from the annual budget approved for the Board of Assessors. The appointee need not be a resident of the Town of Goshen.
7. The assessment consultant shall advise the Board of Assessors with respect to the performance of its duties. The duties of the consultant shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - Execute all necessary field work required in the assessment process.
 - Establish/maintain accurate assessment records consistent with the statutes of the State of Connecticut and supervise the clerical assistant.
 - Prepare the Grand List for the review and adoption by the Board of Assessors.
 - Develop and implement a procedure for checking aerial survey maps; resolve questions raised by land owners; make maps an acceptable basis for use in formulating the Grand List.
 - Establish regular office hours for the Assessor's Office and be available to the taxpayers on a scheduled basis.

Such other duties as may from time to time be requested by the Board of Assessors.

8. The Board of Assessors may appoint one part-time clerical assistant upon the recommendation of the assessment consultant. The clerical assistant shall be paid on a hourly basis from the annual budget approved for the Board of Assessors. The clerical assistant shall:

Work under the supervision of the assessment consultant in establishing and maintaining accurate assessment records.

Assist the public in obtaining information from the Assessor's Office.

Act as the recording secretary at meetings of the Board of Assessors.

Such other duties as may from time to time be requested by the Board of Assessors.

9. In the event of the failure of the assessment consultant to carry out the duties herein prescribed, he can be removed from office by a vote of majority of the Board of Assessors.

10. Vacancies in the office of Assessor shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of the term. Vacancies in the office of assessment consultant shall be filled in the same manner as appointment for a regular term.

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

(7-18-1984)

Effective: 8-7-1984