

January 14, 2016

Notes from the Assessment Informational Meeting held Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at the Keene Fire Department.

The following individuals were present:

William B. Ferebee, Town of Keene Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Town of Keene Councilman
Jerry D. Smith, Town of Keene Councilman
Michael J. Buysse, Town of Keene Councilman
John Stack, NYS Office of Real Property Services
Charli Lewis, Director of Essex County Real Property Tax Service
Donna Bramer, Town of Keene Assessor
Brenda Boyea, Essex County Real Property Service Data Collector
Tony Goodwin, Chairman, Town of Keene Board of Assessment Review
Ellen Estes, Town of Keene Town Clerk
and approximately 50 Town of Keene Residents

The meeting began at approximately 6:00 with Mr. Ferebee thanking everyone for coming. He introduced John Stack and Charli Lewis saying this informational meeting was scheduled to discuss how property valuations are determined.

John Stack gave the first part of a power point presentation that consisted of assessment terms, the reassessment calendar, neighborhoods and role of the property owner. (There was a shortage of the hand out of this presentation, anyone wishing to pick up a copy may get one at the Town Hall.) Periodically questions were addressed during this presentation. Mr. Stack explained that a new "neighborhood" had been added for the Town of Keene and a color visual was shown.

During this discussion, the public was informed that their individual assessment data information is available for viewing online on the County website.

Tony Goodwin, who had to leave the meeting early, spoke to those present saying that anyone who doesn't agree with their assessments are welcome to come before the Assessment Review Board in June.

Charli Lewis gave the second part of the presentation inviting anyone with further questions to call her office at 873-3390.

Mr. Ferebee again thanked John Stack, Charli Lewis and all those that attended, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
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