

## **Sunapee Selectboard with the Tri-Town Selectboard**

**Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 30, 2025**

**8:30 AM - New London Whipple Hall Meeting Room**

### **Attendance:**

Kris McAllister, Bebe Casey, Janet Kidder, Jeremy Hawthorn, Ashley Seybold, Darren Finneral, Sue Gottling, Vickie Stafford, Allyson Traeger, Sandra Warde, Anthony Dolan

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

The Joint Board Meeting was called to order.

### **2. Approval of June 26th, 2025 Minutes**

- Minutes from the June 26, 2025 meeting were approved.

### **3. Assistant Assessor Hire Update**

- Darren provided an overview of the number of applicants and the places the job description was posted.
- Kris spoke to the new Deputy Assessor's credentials, including his prior appraisal experience. He will begin on October 14, 2025.

### **4. Training Assessor Update**

- Shannon asked about expectations for Land Use Administrators and the onboarding schedule.
- Shannon recommended a standard onboarding procedure in each town.

### **5. Appeals Update**

- **Newbury:**
  - 34 abatements were filed; 15 were in one neighborhood.
  - 6 BTLA appeals submitted; 3 from the same neighborhood.
  - One higher court appeal remains pending (Kris expressed confidence in the outcome).
- **New London and Sunapee:**
  - No other pending appeals.

### **6. Open Land Use Position**

- Newbury currently has an open Land Use position, expected to be posted soon.
- Support staff is currently utilized in Newbury.
- Kris will train both the new Deputy Assessor and the new Land Use Coordinator in Newbury.

- There is a disconnect between the support this position (Newbury specific) provides the Assessing office (Newbury specific).
- Shannon clarified the position, writ large, is integrated with both Land Use and Assessing departments.
- Shannon asked if workloads for individual Land Use positions are expanding.
- The idea of a Tri-Town assistant was raised.

## **7. Other Business**

- **Discussion on purchasing a laptop for the Assessor.**
  - Kris noted assessors have previously used laptops without VPNs.
  - Ashley highlighted challenges with different software systems (CCI vs. VC3).
  - Shannon raised concerns about costs for licenses, laptops, etc. (tripling costs across towns).
  - Similar concerns were noted for Aviator software.
  - Kris expressed concern about requiring hourly employees to carry laptops daily.
  - Sandy raised security concerns, though noted they could be mitigated.
- **Tri-Town Budget Meeting:**
  - Shannon noted Jess usually provides numbers by now for review. Kris explained Dennis used to prepare the budget annually, and Kim would finalize it. Kris recommended moving forward with a flat budget, with no expected increases.
  - The Tri-Town board will need to approve the budget.
- **Set Next Meeting Dates:**
  - Quarter Tri-Town Meeting: December
  - Budget Meeting: End of October

## **Motion to Adjourn**

- Darren Finneral motioned to adjourn. Ashley Seybold 2nd. All voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.
- Time: 9:37 AM