

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
Work Session
May 22, 2020

PRESENT: Chairman Phil Tirrell, Selectman Mary Grenier, Selectman Everett Thurber and Ingrid Bjork, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Loren Martin, Avitar and by phone Brenda Pabon and Lisa Mudge, Department of Revenue.

Chairman Tirrell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Agenda Item 1: Revaluation 2020 and Assessment Review

Loren Martin discussed Avitar's process for this year's full revaluation. There are no interior inspections at this time but they will gather information from MLS, owners and photos. They will bring valuation up to 100% market value.

Ms. Martin said they have not yet seen an impact of property values from Covid-19 but expect to in the future.

Ms. Martin said after the field work, preliminary notices of value will be sent out. At this time no face to face meetings will take place but meetings will be done by phone or video conferencing. Ms. Martin said solar panels will now be assessed. Presently the Town does not have a solar exemption and may want to consider it in the future. This is done by a warrant article at Town meeting.

Ms. Mudge said that the Department of Revenue will do an assessment review of the town property records and will review sales. They will send out postcards to the land owners they are reviewing. They will not go on any property that is posted unless given permission.

Ms. Pabon will set up a meeting with the Administrative Assistant and Clerical Assistant to discuss the assessment review.

Conference call ended at 9:35 AM.

Selectman Thurber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 AM. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant