

Special Meeting of the Select Board  
Strafford Vermont  
January 15, 2018

John Freitag called the meeting to order at 6:03. Members present: John Freitag, acting chair, Stephen Marx, Brian Johnson, Kate Siepmann

Also present: Allan Wylie, Lister, Greg Bagnato, Principal of the Newton School, Jeff Solsaa, representing the School Board, and Elysabeth Ray

The purpose of this special board meeting was to review the appeals process for a Petition for Redetermination in relation to the Equalized Education Property Value, Chapter VI, 32 VSA §5408. Jeff Solsaa, representing the School Board, raised concerns about the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and requested that the Select Board appeal the CLA figure for FY 2017 on the basis that properties used in the study did not fairly represent actual property values in Town.

Lister Allan Wylie had been consulted, researched the question, and concluded that the Lister's would support the evaluation presented by Jeff Solsaa as accurate and would make that assertion in a hearing with Property Valuation & Review District Advisors, should that occur. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed To approve the Letter of Appeal and rely on the Lister's to determine what properties they can defend.

At Toni Pippy's request, the Board agreed to delay consideration of budget matters until she is able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Faithfully submitted,

Kate Siepmann, Recording Clerk