

REAL PROPERTY & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

April 16, 2009

PRESENT:

Reginald Crowley, Chairman
Richard Keaveney
Valerie Bertram
Douglas McGivney
Raymond Staats
Roy Brown

ABSENT:

John Musall – notified
Bart Delaney Jr. - notified
George Jahn-notified
Margaret Robertson- notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Alberta Cox, Deputy Clerk
Suzette Booy
Barbara Beaucage

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Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

S. Booy gave a slide show presentations on:

Pictometry – A tool for Assessors. This software shows an aerial view of properties that can be viewed at different angles and tools to measure dimensions of buildings, yards, fences etc..

SDG Image Mate On-Line - A tool for Taxpayers, Departments, Assessors. This software displays information on line covering property value, assessments, and much more info that the Assessors could use for valuation purposes. Discussion ensued on the information this software provides, who would have access to it, and the cost. It was stated that the County would have to determine who would have access to this information: such as Assessors, lawyers, town/city/county clerks, surveyors, building inspectors, etc.

S. Booy will give this committee access password to use the software for a trial period.

When it was questioned on the price of the SDG software and it was stated around \$30,000.00. This software was also presented to the Computer Committee for review. There was also talk about the possibility of usage between agencies. Discussion was also on the Pictometry software that would cost about \$300 per town -per year, which would include the hard drive and data. This would be a big benefit to Town Assessors.

S. Booy also stated that there is Grant money available. Motion by V. Bertram and seconded by R. Brown for S. Booy to go forward looking into the various pricing for servers and use of Grant monies. Motion carried.

Valuation Specialist Position – A new position

S. Booy brought to the Committee a Job Description of a Valuation Specialist she is looking to bring into the Department. She feels this position would be a great asset in helping to develop and maintain a county commercial valuation as well as a county sales database. This will help all town assessors when making analysis. Will hold off until the Department Head meeting and will bring it back to the next month's Home Committee and then to Budget & Salary, if approved.

Sub-Committee – Update – The next meeting will be held on Monday the 20th @ 4:00 pm. Issues to be discussed will be: Countywide Assessing and Caps

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by R. Brown and seconded by V. Bertram at 6: 25 PM, motion carried.