

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
March 23, 2006
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Chairman Dennis J. Doten, Alice H. Boucher and Connie Grant. Also present was Town Administrator Evans E. Juris, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Debra Shackett, Administrative Secretary Sandra J. Bailey and Wilbur Corcoran of Corcoran Consulting Associates, Inc.

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 DECELLE ABATEMENT – Wil Corcoran provided the Board with background information on the Decelle abatement. He went into detail describing the various factors that affect the value of the units at Sunburst Condominiums. He also provided the Board with direct sales comparisons of other condo units in Gilford. Mr. Corcoran further stated that in using sales of similar properties, the value of the Decelle property is actually under-assessed.

Chairman Doten suggested that the memo prepared by Mr. Corcoran be more on point as to why the Decelle property value increased. Mr. Corcoran will re-write his explanation to the Decelles and suggested that a one-hour work session would be very helpful for the Board in understanding how appraisal figures are calculated.

Alice Boucher moved to accept Wil Corcoran's recommendation and deny the abatement, with the understanding that a new memo be drafted by Mr. Corcoran making the situation clearer to the taxpayer. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

3.0 DRA CORRESPONDENCE

The Board discussed recent correspondence from the Department of Revenue Administration regarding Gilford's sales-assessment ratio. Wil Corcoran provided an explanation of the various figures that were included in the DRA correspondence. Also discussed was the issue of the changing real estate market and how this could affect Gilford assessments. Town Administrator Juris suggested that the Board take a pro-active position with Gilford taxpayers if there is going to be significant change.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the Board of Assessors' March 23, 2006 meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey
Administrative Secretary