

Special Meeting
January 17, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Cambridge held a Special Meeting, Saturday, January 17, 2009, 9:00 AM at the Town Hall for the purpose of interviewing candidates who applied for the position of Sole Assessor.

Members present: Supervisor JoAnn Trinkle
Councilwoman Carol Imhof
Councilman Ted Berndt
Councilman Frank Ziehm
Absent: Councilman Joel Nichols

Other present: Town Clerk Sally Eddy, Mary Ellen Hill-Pierce, Anthony Rice, County Director of Real Property Services William McCarty, William Watkins

Supervisor Trinkle called the meeting to order and presided.

Candidates Resumes

Two people submitted resumes for the job of Sole Assessor. Mary Ellen Hill-Pierce, Granville, NY, is currently Sole Assessor in the Towns of Fort Ann and Whitehall as well as the Town of Corinth in Saratoga County. She has had worked 19 years in the assessment field and has had experience in managing reassessments and performing annual reassessments. She is available to start on the job immediately.

Anthony Rice, Hoosick Falls, NY, is currently Sole Assessor in the Town of Hoosick. He has worked in the assessor's office since 2001 and was appointed Sole Assessor in 2003. He has had 20 years experience dealing with the public and working in local government. He has not had any experience in doing a reassessment project nor doing annual or triennial reassessment updates. He's available to start work immediately.

Executive Session

At 9:05 AM, Councilman Ted Berndt motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates Anthony Rice, first, and Mary Ellen Hill Pierce, second, with the intent of appointing one to fill the vacancy in the Sole Assessor' Office.

Vote: 4 – Ayes 0 – Noes

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At 11:05 AM, Councilman Ted Berndt motioned, seconded by Councilman Frank Ziehm, to come out of Executive Session and enter into Regular Business.

Vote: 4- Ayes 0 – Noes

Mr. Jackson's Resignation

Motion by Councilwoman Imhof

Seconded by Councilman Berndt

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge does hereby accept the resignation submitted by Jeffrey Jackson from his duties as Sole Assessor in the Town of Cambridge.

Vote: 4 – Ayes 0 – Noes

The Board expressed their thanks for Mr. Jackson's services to the Town.

Appointment

Resolution by Councilman Ted Berndt

Seconded by Councilwoman Carol Imhof

RESOLVED and DETERMINED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge does hereby appoint Mary Ellen Hill-Pierce as Sole Assessor to fill out the unexpired term of Jeffrey Jackson contingent upon completing and satisfying the Application for Qualifications Review and the signing of the contract between the Town of Cambridge and Ms. Hill-Pierce.

Discussion. Board members felt both candidates were qualified and personable. Mr. Rice lives closer to the town and is willing to learn. However, Ms. Hill-Pierce has more experience. She has worked through a town wide revaluation project and is familiar with annual reassessment updates. In the long run she will save the town money.

Vote: Supervisor Trinkle - Aye
Councilwoman Imhof – Aye

Councilman Ziehm - Aye
Councilman Berndt - Aye

Other Business

Councilman Ted Berndt asked if the Code Enforcement Officer submits a monthly report?

Supervisor Trinkle stated he does if there are any projects going on.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Beelen Eddy
Town Clerk