

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
16 SCHOOL STREET
ALLENSTOWN, NH 03275**

Sandra A. McKenney, Chairperson for the Board of Selectmen, opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Present at the meeting: Sandra A. McKenney, Chairperson; Carol Merrill, Selectperson; Thomas Gilligan, Selectman; Excused. Kelley Collins, AA; Penny Touchette, Armand Verville, Claudette Verville, Elaine Toussaint, Ken Rowe and Wil Corcoran

Town Assessor

Town Assessor, Wil Corcoran from Corcoran, Inc. met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss general assessment issues including properties affected by the flood and abatements. Wil explained that there are basically two parts of assessing; the first part is layed out clearly in state statute that requires the Assessors of the Town (Board of Selectmen) to assess the property as it exists on April 1st of each year. The second piece which applies to the flooded properties is that the Board of Selectmen are responsible the health and welfare of the community. This health and welfare piece allows the Selectmen to abate taxes for "good cause shown". This can also be called a "hardship" abatement. The Selectmen would have the responsibility of checking to make sure that there is a hardship ie: income, assets vs. expenses. Wil is the City Assessor in three cities and has developed a standard form that requires submission of bank statements, sources of income including lottery winnings, tax returns, inheritance, etc. The Board would then consider the factual information and decide on a per case basis. Wil also reminded the Board that they can abate some part or all of the tax. Wil also informed the BOS what their role is as assessors. Wil answered questions from residents in regards to the flooded property assessments.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Sandy. Seconded by Carol at 7:41 p.m. Motion passed 2-0.

SANDRA A. MCKENNEY, CHAIRPERSON

CAROL M. MERRILL, SELECTPERSON

THOMAS R. GILLIGAN, SELECTMAN