

August 18, 2022

Cheshire County Collector's Meeting
ZOOM at 5pm

Minutes

A note from the Coordinator – Vicki Gohl, Walpole

Between April and August I made 3 attempts to schedule a zoom meeting. I contacted all 23 towns via email offering various dates when could schedule a meeting. My best response was 3 emails! Last week I just set a date and time and emailed everyone. I received 16 responses: 5 said they could not make it and 11 said they would join. Today I wrote another email to the collectors who did not respond. I received one new decline. Hours before the meeting 2 people who had said they would join notified me that they would not be able to join.

I held the meeting at 5pm today and 1 collector, Kevin Westcott from Swanzey, joined the meeting.

We had a fantastic conversation for 45 minutes that was very on topic and interesting.

Campgrounds: Swanzey has 3 campgrounds where there are trailers in near permanent residence. Any camper is supposed to show proof of registration or get taxed. Apparently Kevin and his assessor spend way too much time on this for minimal fiscal return. They want to know how other towns fare with this and whether this tax could shift to something like rooms & meals or boat registrations. Walpole has no experience with campo grounds. Kevin will write up his issues for me and I will reach out to some other collectors to see what their experiences are with this.

Elderly Deferral: We discussed the fact that Avitar has no way to flag a property with an elderly deferral and that Kevin unknowingly liened some properties. Can Avitar work on this? Also no way to track what is owed with interest at 5%. Seems there should be a module for that.

Timber tax: Multi lot issues with liening and intent – again Avitar not sufficient on this. Kevin unaware that contiguous lots are all included. Good thing we are covering this at Conference.

Electronic Billing and the lien & Deed process: Has NHTCA counsel weighed in on how this affects the paper trail? If someone is in arrears that signed up for electronic billing, do they also get their delinquency notice, intent to lien notice and impending deed notice electronically?

Phone & Email not in Avitar either – this should be changed

Our meeting adjourned at 5:50.