

School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 4th, 2023

Town of Hague Community Center

Members Present: Peter Carney, Linda Fusco, Susan Delarm-Sandman Beth Barton-Navitsky, Rolly Allen, Kathe Allen, Sally Thurston, Amanda Peterson, Sandy Smith

Members Absent: Jack Bast

Others Present: David Martucci

Meeting opened at 10am.

Agenda:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Conversation with Town of Hague Assessor David Martucci

The Committee had a discussion with Assessor David Martucci about the recent Revaluation done in the Town of Hague for the 2023 Tax Roll.

David Martucci, from the Assessor's office, explained the importance of the ad valorem real property tax for local municipalities and governments. This tax is how they generate their revenue, as opposed to the state, which primarily relies on income taxes. The tax roll, which is used to determine property taxes, is based on fair market value and can be set at various percentages, with 100% being the ideal. The town had historically maintained a tax roll at around 75%, but it fluctuated slightly. Given this relatively stable history, there was no compelling reason to undergo the expensive process of another revaluation again for the following years, because it would cost the town between \$80,000 to \$90,000. Since 2018 there had been a slight increase in sales. But with the pandemic and the major increase in sales, the town decided to go ahead for a revaluation in 2023.

The Committee had a few questions that they would like the Assessor's office to look into and address:

- ***"How many total acres of State land are in the Town of Hague?"***
 - A: 184 Parcels, totaling 21,077 acres. With a total assessment of \$62,949,200.
- ***"How much waterfront, and acreage does the Silver Bay YMCA have?"***
 - A: Waterfront is 1598ft, 667.48 acres, with a total assessment of \$34,482,900.
- ***"What is the percentage of the Town of Hague that went up, vs went down?"***

- A: to be determined
- ***“Why are Waterfront Association properties assessment so low?”***
 - A: Common Waterfront Associations have a lower assessment value because the value is on the lots with the houses are being assessed for lake rights. (See list of waterfront association properties)
- ***“Why are the docks on the east side of the lake (Lake George) not assessed in the Town of Hague?”***
 - A: According to Real Property Tax Law definition of Real Property is “Real property”, “property”, or “land” mean and include:
 - (a) Land itself, above and under water, including trees and undergrowth thereon and mines, minerals, quarries and fossils in and under the same, except mines belonging to the state:
 - (b) Buildings and other articles and structures, substructures and superstructures erected upon, under or above the land or affixed thereto, including bridges and wharves and piers and the values of the right to collect wharfage, carnage or dockage thereon;

Meeting adjourned at 11 am

Next meeting is at November 2nd, 2023 at 10am

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Peterson