

## **CARROLL COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS' 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

On Wednesday evening June 15, 2016, the Carroll County Tax Collectors' held their 2016 meeting at the Sandwich Town Hall, 8 Maple Street, Sandwich, NH. Sharon Teel, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and Jennifer Martel, Deputy Town Clerk/Certified Deputy Tax Collector hosted the meeting and prepared an agenda for the evening.

The meeting began with Pot Luck Snacks. Attendees brought their favorite "snacks" for all to enjoy. The meeting was extremely well attended and represented 9 different Town Tax Collector's Offices, their Deputies and Staff. Also in attendance were the Registrar of the Carroll County Registry of Deeds, Lisa Scott, and her Deputy along with the Town Administrator and her Assistant from the Town of Effingham.

Sharon Teel, Co-County Coordinator opened the meeting along with Kellie Skeeahan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector of Ossipee and also President of the Tax Collector's Association and outgoing Carroll County Co-Coordinator. Mrs. Teel requested that the group introduce themselves as there were some new faces in the audience. She then asked Kellie to make the announcement that the newly appointed Carroll County Co-Coordinators would be Deanna Amaral of Effingham and Jennifer Martel of Sandwich. She thanked them for accepting this new role and both Sharon and Kellie offered their help during the transition. A formal announcement to the Association will take place at Fall Conference.

The evening progressed with guest speaker Steve Buckley, Legal Services Counsel at NH Municipal Association. Attorney Buckley spoke on the topic of Free Stater/Constitutionalists and their impact on Tax Collector's and local Town/City Governments. The topic was highlighted by recent court judgements and cases brought before our judicial system. A period of questions and answers ensued and important information, suggestions and tips were shared.

Attorney Buckley thanked our group for inviting him to speak on this relatively new topic and the meeting then became an opportunity for a round table discussion which encompassed a wide range of topics brought forth by attendees.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8pm and a tour of the newly renovated Sandwich Town Hall was then offered.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Martel, Sandwich  
Deanna Amaral, Effingham

CHESHIRE COUNTY  
TAX COLLECTOR'S MEETING

August 17, 2016

Members present: James MacDonell from Hinsdale, Dawn Oswald from Jaffrey, Jeannine Dunne from Dublin, Anna Tilton from Registry of Deeds, Ellen Orkins from Marlborough, and Marcy Johnson from Troy.

Ellen opened the round table meeting at 1:08pm. Each person stated their name, town they were from and the hours that they worked.

Ellen had a question for the group from Jane Wright who could not attend. The question was... what towns, if any, do their own mortgagee searches. James from Hinsdale was the only one of the group who does. A lengthy discussion followed.

Anna had a lot of interesting knowledge that she shared with us. She stated that they have added to the grantor/grantee on-line listings to include the years from 1870 to 1900. A discussion followed about how important it is to make sure that all names are correct and the same names are on both the liens and the releases. She gave us handouts and explained about this company named Simplifile, which allows online recordings of documents to the Registry of Deeds. Another handout was how to subscribe free of charge for Property Fraud Alert. This protects homeowners from someone recording a document in the County Land Records office making it look like they own your property. For further information go to [www.propertyfraudalert.com](http://www.propertyfraudalert.com)

Meeting adjourned at 3:25.

Marcy Johnson

County Coordinator

**COOS COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 18, 2016**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Lancaster Town Hall**  
**Lancaster, NH**

*Coos County Tax Collectors Present: Coos County Coordinators Melinda "Min" Kennett (recorder), Northumberland and Charity Blanchette (hostess), Lancaster; Patricia Chase, Berlin; Helene Dionne, Clarksville; Melanie Mathieu, Colebrook; Linda Harris, Coos (Unincorporated); Elizabeth Reudiger, (Select board) Dummer; Carol Porter, Gorham; Cindy Woodward and Dawn Dube, Milan; Linda Clogston and Holly Galiotta, Pittsburg; Rita Hibbard, Stewartstown; Joyce McGee and Tina Wright, Whitefield; Amy Hatfield, Littleton; NHTCA President Kellie Skeehan, Ossipee. 12 Coos towns were represented; 9 Coos towns did not attend; 2 were from other counties*

Charity Blanchette opened the meeting at 9:00 A.M. for round table discussion. Coffee and sweets were served at this very successful and informative meeting.

Charity introduced herself and NHTCA President Kellie Skeehan. Everyone present introduced themselves one at a time and discussed their roll in their town. Melinda Kennett passed out a handout with all towns listed with names, emails, and phone numbers and asked to have that updated as needed, an agenda, and a Lancaster Fair program.

Melinda Kennett asked Elizabeth Reudiger to update the attendees of the state of the union of Dummer as much as she could. Elizabeth said that Mariann LeTarte was removed on July 19, 2016. She added that as of August 17, 2016 the new Town Clerk and Tax Collector would be Judy Marcou and they have yet to name a deputy, but said that it was in the works. Elizabeth asked the group for help with training, contacts, and communication to help Dummer get back on its feet. She informed the group that Milan Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Cindy Woodward, was helping them, but the Milan select board wanted that to stop. Dummer uses Avitar for a software system. The Dummer select board meetings are every Tuesday evening at 6 pm and some of the Coos Collectors showed an interest in going to the meetings to offer support.

The Lancaster Postmaster was scheduled to do a certified mailing presentation at 10:00 am, but had to cancel due to 3 of his staff members calling in sick. The group continued with round table discussing the serious issues in Dummer.

Melinda Kennett asked the group if changing the day and time would be more accommodating and all agreed that a Thursday morning in August was perfect for them so it was decided to keep it the same for 2017.

Carol Porter asked if the group had to wait a year to meet and Melinda answered that we didn't have to, but there were spring and fall conferences put on by the NHTCA as well.

Coos County Registrar Tanya J. Batchelder, was the guest speaker at 11:00 am. She gave everyone in informational packet and discussed it all. In her packet there was a business card, Property Fraud Alert information, UCC Recording, Recording Fee Schedule, Postage Schedule, and a historical read of The Great Courthouse Fire: A Coos Tragedy. Tanya also went over names on documents, Current Use, Land Use Change, Deeds, Redemptions, and answered several questions from the group. Charity Blanchette had further discussion on the West River issue with gifting to towns. Most towns were taking the deed. There was also mobile home recording of deeds discussed.

The meeting was adjourned by Charity Blanchette at 12:15 P.M.

Lunch and much more roundtable were enjoyed at JL Sullivan with 11 present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Kennett  
Coos County Coordinator and Recorder

**Grafton County  
Tax Collector's Meeting  
July 20, 2016**

The Annual Grafton County Tax Collector's meeting took place at the Bristol Town Office in Bristol, NH. The meeting opened at 5:00pm.

The meeting agenda consisted of a presentation on the new Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal presented by guest speaker Michelle Clark, Municipal Advisor from the Department of Revenue Administration followed by a round table discussion session. There were 10 Tax Collectors in attendance.

Ms. Clark's presentation consisted of reviewing what the Tax Collector's role and duties are using the new DRA portal for setting tax rates. The round table discussions were very interesting and informative for all those who attended. Delicious snacks and drinks were provided and the annual meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raymah W. Simpson, Grafton County Coordinator  
Hannah B. Joyce, Grafton County Coordinator

August 24, 2016

Hillsborough County Meeting

On August 24<sup>th</sup> Hillsborough County Coordinator's held their county meeting. The guest speaker was Jane Sanders to talk about mortgage searches and the timing that searches can be done. It was discussed that the more time that can be given to start the searches the better. We also discussed some problems that arise when mortgage searches are done, for instance when assignments are not recorded or mortgages are not discharged. There was much discussion about the laws that govern us to notify mortgage holders and how the mortgage holders don't have the same laws that apply to them.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Terri Briand

  
Beth Marsh

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

NH TAX COLLECTORS' MEETING

JUNE 29, 2016

The annual Rockingham County Tax Collectors' meeting was hosted by Erika Robinson, Town Clerk and Tax Collector of Epping at the Epping Town Hall. The meeting opened at 6:00 pm in the Epping Council Chambers.

In attendance: Susan Jenkins, Auburn; Phyllis Thompson and Daphne Woss, Brentwood; Erin Newnan, Chester; Erika Robinson and Jennifer Guenard, Epping; Linda Fecteau, Exeter; Kellie J. Skehan, Ossipee; Rosemarie L. Bayek and Julie A. McNamara, Plaistow; Becky Benvenuti and Jane Ferrini, Portsmouth; Andrea Cass, Rollinsford; and Michele Knowles, Seabrook.

The guest presenter Stephen C. Buckley, Legal Services Counsel for the NH Municipal Association was introduced. Attorney Buckley provided an excellent overview, including a power point and hand-out, of NH's Right-to-Know Law, RSA 91-A. He reviewed and explored major topics such as public agency v. public body, what is and is not a 'meeting', email and other records and whether they are public or exempt from disclosure, personnel practices and confidentiality, availability of documents, calculating cost of producing documents, and new court cases which have affected the Right-to-Know law, notably the recent "Green v SAU 55" case.

A question and answer session followed the presentation. Those in attendance expressed their appreciation for the time and effort and information provided by Attorney Buckley.

Sandwich platters were provided, as well as delicious cookies baked by a generous (terrific baker) Epping resident which were enjoyed and appreciated. After a brief social and networking session, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rockingham County Co-Coordinator:

Linda A. Fecteau

Becky I. Benvenuti

Strafford County Coordinators Meeting  
June 15, 2016

Attendance: Mary Hoyt, Strafford, Judith Dupre, Strafford, Ginny Gray, Rochester, Doreen Jones, Rochester, Lee Ann Simpson, Madbury, Kitty Cornwell, Madbury, Lisa Amarosa, Madbury, Kathy Seaver, Farmington, Donna Hamel, Durham, Lorrie Pitt, Durham

The meeting was held at the Strafford Town Hall, these were some of the subjects that we discussed:

Current Use paid by Lien  
Campground Trailers-Property taxes  
Barrington Notice put on Tax bill  
Certified Notices refused, should we send a copy by regular mail  
Lockbox Services for Tax Payments  
Collection of water serviced by one Town but the Property is located in another Town.

We enjoyed a light dinner of sandwiches, chips and salad. For dessert we had a nice assortment of pastries, also Mary Hoyt made us some wonderful peanut butter cookies (gluten free). Thank you, Mary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie Pitt, CTC  
Doreen Jones, CTC