

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2008

Chairman Wilfred J. Baranick called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM in the Assessors Office. Present were Caroline B. Akins and Charles W. Long, Members of the Board, and Karen MacTavish, Town Assessor.

1. Interim Year Updates

Preliminary values determined on the basis of 2007 arms-length sales were reviewed and discussed.

2. Classification Hearing

The Board discussed several options for allocating the property tax levy among the four classes of real and personal property, including the selection of a residential factor, a residential or small commercial exemption, or an open space discount. In conjunction with the presentation before Selectmen and consistent with historical practices, the Assessors unanimously voted to maintain a single rate (residential factor of 1) and not to grant other exemptions.

At 6:30 PM, it was moved by Mr. Baranick and seconded by Mrs. Akins to adjourn the meeting to attend the Selectmen's Classification Hearing. With three members voting, the motion was approved, 3-0.