

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes November 12, 2008

Chairman Wilfred J. Baranick called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM in the Assessors Office. Present were Caroline B. Akins, Board Member, and Karen MacTavish, Town Assessor. Charles W. Long was unable to attend due to another commitment.

1. Regular Business

- Meeting minutes from October 22, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

2. Oblique Aerial Imagery Program

The MAPC is again offering a technical support program to member communities which includes installation and training in the use of oblique and orthogonal imagery. With several departments taking part in the program, the cost of approximately \$11,000 could be split among users. Interest has been expressed on behalf of the Assessors.

3. Office Schedule

The Board unanimously approved a request to close the office entirely on Friday, November 28, 2008, the day after Thanksgiving. It will be considered a vacation day for office personnel.

4. Tax Rate – Classification Hearing, Recap Documents

The Selectmen have asked to schedule the Classification Hearing for Thursday, December 4, 2008 (subsequently changed to Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:30 PM). In preparation for submission of the tax rate recap under the new state gateway system, the Board unanimously authorized Karen MacTavish to electronically sign and submit all documents on their behalf.

5. Classified Land Approvals

By unanimous vote, FY 2010 applications for classification under the provisions of Chapters 61 and 61B were approved for the following properties:

Chapter 61, Forest Land

47 Farm Street (10-013)	50.60 acres
36 Farm Street (10-038, 10-040)	14.52 acres
95 Centre Street (11-123)	10.00 acres
64 Farm Street (16-030)	22.80 acres

Chapter 61B, Recreational Land

Cranberry Lane (05-145, 05-145A)	8.497 acres
Dedham Street (07-012B, 07-013)	10.22 acres

5. Classified Land Approvals (continued)

Chapter 61B, Recreational Land

39 Farm Street (10-015)	5.50 acres
20 Pegan Lane (10-030)	5.55 acres
84 Strawberry Hill Street (13-009)	38.42 acres
Bridge Street (15-008, 15-008A, 15-008B, 15-008C)	20.52 acres
Centre Street (17-034A, 17-034B, 17-034C)	15.75 acres
181 Centre Street (21-051, 21-055)	40.10 acres

6. Next Meeting

The Board unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 5:00 PM.

At 5:45 PM, it was moved by Mr. Baranick and seconded by Mrs. Akins to adjourn the meeting to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing applications for classification under the provisions of Chapter 61A. With two members voting, the motion was approved, 2-0.

The Board returned to public session at 6:15 PM to report on actions taken during their executive session as follows:

FY 2010 Classified Land Approvals (Chapter 61A):

12 applications approved, two with stipulations (unanimous)

It was moved by Mrs. Akins and seconded by Mr. Baranick to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. With two members voting, the motion was approved 2-0.