

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes January 27, 2010

Chairman Caroline B. Akins called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM in the Assessors Office. Present were Wilfred J. Baranick and Charles W. Long, members of the Board and Karen MacTavish, Town Assessor. Also present was Dave Stapleton, Chairman of the Warrant Committee.

1. Regular Business

- Meeting minutes from December 10, 2009 were unanimously approved.
- FY2010 Real Estate, Personal Property, and Betterment warrants along with the tax rate recap were reviewed and endorsed.

2. Warrant Articles and FY 2011 Warrant Committee Estimates

The Board discussed articles for the Annual Town Meeting warrant, specifically addressing the possibility that the revaluation scheduled for FY 2011 may be postponed due to pending legislation. Levy limits, new growth, and excess levy capacity were reviewed and explained for Mr. Stapleton's benefit. The danger of overestimating new growth was also explored. By unanimous vote, the Assessors approved the following projections for FY2011:

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| Local Receipts | \$ 1,700,000 |
| Overlay Reserve | 250,000 |
| Overlay Surplus | 50,000 |
| New Growth | 200,000 |

3. Point Contract

In conjunction with the Treasurer/Collector, the Assessors have entered into a three year contract with Point Software, Inc. for their motor vehicle and boat excise, abatement, and exemption modules. They are not the service bureau of choice, but to network with the Collector, it is necessary to maintain the program.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 5:00 PM.

At 6:00 PM, it was moved by Mr. Long and seconded by Mrs. Akins to adjourn the meeting to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing applications for personal exemptions and abatements and to discuss litigation. With three members voting, the motion was approved, 3-0.

The Board returned to public session at 6:30 PM to report on actions taken during their executive session as follows:

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| <u>FY 2010 Personal Exemptions:</u> | 18 applications approved (Unanimous, 3-0) |
| <u>FY2010 Deferrals:</u> | 2 applications approved (Unanimous, 3-0) |
| <u>FY 2010 Abatements:</u> | 4 applications approved (Unanimous, 3-0) |

It was moved by Mr. Baranick and seconded by Mr. Long to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. With three members voting, the motion was approved 3-0.