

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2010

Chairman Caroline B. Akins called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM in the Assessors Office. Present were Board Members Wilfred J. Baranick and Charles W. Long and Town Assessor Karen MacTavish.

1. Regular Business

- Warrants for Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitment No. 7 of 2009 and No. 1 of 2010 were reviewed and endorsed.
- A Form of List extension until May 1, 2010 for Transaction Network Services Inc. was approved.

2. Warrant Articles

The Board reviewed and discussed three articles which were submitted to the Selectmen for inclusion on the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

3. Mapping Contract

The FY 2010 map maintenance contract with Cartographic Associates Inc. of New Hampshire was unanimously approved and endorsed.

4. Building Permit Cost Analysis

A spreadsheet correlating the relationship between valuation information provided by builders on their permits with resulting assessment increases was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The study showed significant differences between the builders' estimates and actual assessed values.

5. Classified Land Lien, Main Street, Parcel No. 05-193

The Board endorsed a Classified Agricultural/Horticultural Land lien under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 61A, §9, effective as of January 1, 2010 for FY 2011.

6. Next Meeting

The Board unanimously agreed to schedule the next meeting for Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 5:00 PM.

At 5:35 PM, it was moved by Mr. Baranick and seconded by Mr. Long to adjourn the meeting to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing applications for abatement and personal exemptions. With three members voting, the motion was approved, 3-0.

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

FY 2010 Personal Exemptions: 5 applications approved
(Unanimous, 3-0)

FY2010 Property Tax Deferrals: 2 applications approved
(Unanimous, 3-0)

FY 2010 Real Estate Abatements: 8 applications approved
3 applications denied
(Unanimous, 3-0)

It was moved by Mr. Baranick and seconded by Mrs. Akins to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. With three members voting, the motion was approved 3-0.