

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes December 9, 2010

Chairman Caroline B. Akins called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM in the Assessors Office. Present were Board Members Caroline M. C. White and Charles W. Long and Town Assessor Karen MacTavish.

1. Regular Business

- Meeting minutes from October 13, 2010 and November 17, 2010 were unanimously approved as submitted.
- Warrants for Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitments No. 12 of 2009 and No. 6 of 2010 were reviewed and endorsed.
- In conjunction with a memorandum from David Ramsay, it was noted that the 2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant would be open until January 20, 2011. The Board unanimously agreed to include only the regular extra exemption article on this year's warrant.

2. Valuation Update

FY 2011 valuations as of January 1, 2010 have been completed, reviewed, and unanimously approved by the Assessors.

3. Tax Rate

The Board reviewed and discussed calculations on the FY 2011 tax rate recap and their recommendation of a single rate for the Selectmen's classification hearing.

4. Budget

The FY 2012 budget was discussed and unanimously approved. The expense section of the budget will remain the same as in FY 2011; only the salaries line item will be changed in conjunction with the Personnel Board's recommendation.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 5:00 PM. Due to inclement weather, this meeting was subsequently cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

At 6:10 PM, it was moved by Mr. Long and seconded by Mrs. White to adjourn the meeting and enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing two motor vehicle excise tax abatement denials, an application for classification under the provisions of Chapter 61A of the Massachusetts General Laws, 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:

2009 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatement Applications (Bill Nos. 929 & 1175):
denied (unanimous)

FY 2012 Chapter 61A Classified Land Approval:
1 application approved (unanimous)

It was moved by Mrs. Akins and seconded by Mrs. White to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM to attend the Classification Hearing with the Selectmen. With three members voting, the motion was approved 3-0.