

# BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2012

Chairman Charles W. Long called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM in the Assessors Office. Present were Board Members Caroline B. Akins and Caroline M. C. White and Town Assessor Karen MacTavish.

1. Regular Business

- Meeting minutes from March 7, 2012 were unanimously approved.
- Warrants for Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitments No. 8 of 2011 and No. 2 of 2012 and Boat Excise Tax Commitment No. 1B of 2012 were reviewed and endorsed.

2. Chapter Land Pamphlet

The Board reviewed and discussed a Chapter 61B Open Space and Recreation Land pamphlet developed through a partnership between UMass Amherst and The Trustees of Reservations. Since the publication can be found on line at [www.MassWoods.net](http://www.MassWoods.net) along with other information about Chapters 61 and 61A, it is not necessary to request additional copies of the pamphlet for distribution.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 5:30 PM.

**At 5:30 PM, it was moved by Mrs. Akins and seconded by Dr. White to adjourn the meeting to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing abatement applications and discussing Appellate Tax Board matters. With three members voting, the motion was approved, 3-0.**

**The Board returned to public session at 6:40 PM to report on actions taken during their executive session as follows:**

FY 2012 Real Estate Abatements:

5 applications denied (unanimous, 3-0)

2 applications denied (2-0)

*(Mr. Long recused himself to avoid a possible conflict of interest)*

10 applications approved (unanimous, 3-0)

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