

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2013

Chairman Caroline B. Akins called the meeting to order at 5:10 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

- By unanimous vote, the Board approved meeting minutes from September 25, 2013.
- The FY2014 Boat Excise tax warrant was reviewed and endorsed.

2. Recording Fees

A Reserve Fund transfer request and a Prior Notice request were endorsed by the Chairman to cover a budget deficit caused by Registry of Deeds recording fees that were significantly higher than estimated when preparing the FY2014 budget.

3. Municipal Law Seminar, GIS, and Sale of Data

Ms. MacTavish presented an overview of the subject matter discussed at the Municipal Law Seminar presented by the Division of Local Services. She also reported on the status of the CAI Technologies web access GIS program and the GIS interface with Patriot Properties. By unanimous vote, the Board agreed that anyone requesting electronic copies of the town's shape files should contact CAI directly.

4. Classified Land Approvals

Chapter 61

The following FY2015 application for classification under the provisions of Chapter 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws was unanimously approved:

47 – 49 Farm Street (10-013)	50.60 acres
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Chapter 61B

By unanimous vote, FY2015 applications for classification under the provisions of Chapter 61B of the Massachusetts General Laws were approved for the following properties:

39 Farm Street (10-015)	5.50 acres
Centre Street (17-034A, 17-034B, 17-034C)	15.75 acres
Dedham Street (07-012B, 07-013)	10.22 acres
Cranberry Lane (05-145, 05-145A)	8.497 acres
21 Smith Street (15-011A, 15-011B, 15-012)	10.24 acres
Bridge & Smith Streets (15-008, 15-008A, 15-008B, 15-008C)	20.523 acres
Lot 4, Smith Street (15-011C)	7.832 acres
84 Strawberry Hill Street (13-009)	38.42 acres
181 Centre Street (20-051, 21-055)	40.10 acres
95 Farm Street (15-001B, 15-002)	10.225 acres

5. Town Owned Property

The Board discussed taxation under the provisions of Chapter 59, § 2B of town owned property being used for commercial purposes.

6. Interim Year Adjustments
Discussion was held concerning the FY2014 interim year valuation update. Printouts of proposed values will be distributed when they are ready and will be reviewed at the next meeting.
7. Budget
The Board briefly discussed FY2015 budget documents which must be filed with the Warrant Committee by Friday, December 13, 2013.
8. Next Meeting
The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 5:00 PM, which will be prior to the Board's appearance at the Selectmen's Classification Hearing at 6:30 PM.

At 6:00 PM, it was moved by Dr. White and seconded by Mr. Long to adjourn the meeting to enter executive session to discuss Appellate Tax Board matters and to review Chapter 61A classified land applications. 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:

FY2015 Chapter 61A Classified Land: 10 applications approved (unanimous)

It was moved by Mr. Long and seconded by Dr. White to adjourn the meeting. With three members voting, the motion was approved 3-0.