

# BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2015

Chairman Charles W. Long called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM in the Assessors Office. Board Member Caroline B. Akins and Town Assessor Karen MacTavish were present. Board Member Caroline M. C. White was unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

1. Regular Business

- Meeting minutes from December 2, 2014 were unanimously (2-0) approved.
- The Board reviewed and endorsed FY2015 Real Estate, Personal Property, Betterment, and Omitted (Rollback) tax warrants. Also endorsed were warrants for Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitment No. 1 of 2015 and No. 7 of 2014.

2. Warrant Committee Estimates

Preliminary estimates for FY 2016 budget planning purposes were unanimously (2-0) approved as follows:

Local Receipts	\$ 2,000,000
Overlay Reserve	260,000
Overlay Surplus	75,000
New Growth	350,000

3. 46 Springdale Avenue, 11-049 - Tax Abatement

By a vote of 2-0, the Board unanimously agreed to abate, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, §72A, the FY2015 taxes assessed to James F. Snyder, Trustee, from the January 5, 2015 date of purchase by the town through June 30, 2015. In addition, the Assessors unanimously (2-0) agreed to abate the tax scheduled to be levied for FY2016. Because the property was not transferred until after the FY2016 assessment date, the record may not be legally changed to reflect Town ownership until January 1, 2016 for FY2017.

4. 39 Farm Street, 10-015 - Rollback Tax

The Board reviewed and endorsed a Certificate of Penalty Tax for 5.5 acres of vacant land formerly assessed under the provisions of MGL Chapter 61B to William Barrett and Ingrid J. Barrett. A Notice of Nonexercise of the Town's right of first refusal to purchase the formerly classified property was filed on October 20, 2014.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 5:00.

**At 5:45 PM, it was moved by Mrs. Akins and seconded by Mr. Long to adjourn the meeting to enter executive session to review applications for Chapter 61A classification, real estate abatements and exemptions, and Appellate Tax Board matters. With two members voting, the motion was approved, 2-0.**

**The Board returned to public session at 6:45 PM to report on actions taken during their executive session as follows:**

<u>FY 2016 Chapter 61A Classified Land:</u>	2 applications approved (unanimous, 2-0)
<u>FY2015 Personal Exemptions:</u>	14 applications approved (unanimous, 2-0)
<u>FY2015 Real Estate Tax:</u>	2 abatements approved (2-0)
	3 abatements denied (2-0)

**It was moved by Mr. Long and seconded by Mrs. Akins to adjourn the meeting. With two members voting, the motion was approved 2-0.**