

# BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2016

Chairman Caroline M. C. White called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM in the Assessors' Office. Present were Board Members Caroline B. Akins and Charles W. Long and Town Assessor Karen MacTavish.

1. Regular Business

Meeting minutes from December 2, 2015 were unanimously approved.

The following documents were unanimously approved and endorsed:

- FY 2016 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax and Betterment warrants
- FY 2016 Apportionment of Tax
- Warrant for Rollback Taxes and Certificate of Penalty Tax
- FY 2016 Revision of Valuation Warrant
- FY2015 Supplemental Tax Warrant
- Warrant for Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments Nos. 7 and 8 of 2015 and No. 1 of 2016

2. Classified Land Approvals

FY 2016 and FY 2017 applications for classification under the provisions of Chapter 61B of the Massachusetts General Laws were unanimously approved for the following property:

46 Pine Street (18-007, 18-014B, 18-015) 11.499 acres

3. Municipal Modernization Act

The Board discussed sections of this proposed legislation that are applicable to assessors and unanimously agreed that it would be more efficient to conduct a recertification program every five years rather than every three.

3. Free Cash Certification

The Assessors reviewed and discussed the July 1, 2015 Department of Revenue Notification of Free Cash Approval, which was issued on December 30, 2015.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

**At 6:00 PM, it was moved by Mr. Long and seconded by Mrs. Akins to adjourn the meeting to enter executive session to review abatement and exemption applications and a Chapter 61A land classification request. With three members voting, the motion was approved, 3-0.**

**The Board returned to public session at 7:00 PM to report on actions taken during their executive session as follows:**

<u>FY2016 Real Estate Abatements:</u>	4 applications approved (unanimous, 3-0) 4 applications denied (unanimous, 3-0)
<u>FY2016 Personal Exemptions:</u>	16 applications approved (unanimous, 3-0) 1 application approved (2-0) ( <i>Mr. Long recused himself in order to avoid a possible conflict of interest</i> )
<u>FY2017 Chapter 61A Classified Land:</u>	1 application approved (unanimous, 3-0)

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