

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MINUTES  
FIRE STATION MEETING ROOM**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

**Assessors Present:** Chairman Jonathan L. Fein, Dennis Kennedy  
**Also Present:** Assistant Assessor Robert P. Leclair, Secretary Carolyn Reed  
**Absent:** Kevin Lonergan

The meeting was called to order at about 8:40 a.m.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the October 3, 2008 meeting were accepted as written.

**Old Business**

- The November 6, 2008 meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.
- The certified tax rate for FY2009 is \$ 17.11. The rate is fifteen cents higher than the tax rate for FY2008.
- The board reviewed a letter from the Glenmeadow condo association regarding the condo assessments. Bob met with Scott Stearns from the owners association at Glenmeadow on November 3, 2008 to hear his concerns regarding the valuation for the condos going into FY2009. They feel that Glenmeadow condos have been overvalued and there should be an adjustment to lower the condo values. It was explained that the majority of the Glenmeadow condos sold in 2007 were sold above assessed value and market data from calendar year 2007 is used for FY2009 assessed values.
- BOA members were set up with user names and passwords for Gateway. This provides on-line system access to the DOR Gateway system for review and/or approval of DOR forms.
- The part-time assessors clerk that was hired in September (Diane Kapinos) did not work out and her last day in the office was October 20, 2008. A search was initiated for another clerk, however, a hold was put on hiring a replacement for the part-time clerk position as it may not be funded for FY2010.

**Appellant Tax Board Cases (ATB)**

- The status of 2 ATB cases:
  - Dwight Road/Famiglia LLC:
    - FY05 - ATB kept assessment the same.
    - FY06 - ATB kept FY05 value.
    - FY07- Hearing date in March. BOA agreeable to negotiating a settlement
  - Verizon Wireless:
    - FY04 - Verizon will settle for \$2,700 refund.
    - FY08 - Verizon will settle for \$3,100 refund.
      - BOA agreeable to negotiating a settlement.
    - Verizon did not file in FY05, 06 or 07.

### Executive Session

At about 9:00 a.m. the Assessors (Fein – yes, Kennedy – yes) voted to go into executive session to discuss property abatements and personal exemptions and to return to public session to announce the results.

### Personal Exemptions

- Chapter 59 §5 Clause 41A, deferral
  - 2 Approved

### Property Abatements

- We received 165 applications for real and personal property abatements for FY2009.
- The Board reviewed 39 abatement applications with the following decisions:

13 Approved:

- 6 Duxbury Lane
- 246 Merriweather Drive
- 62 Homestead Boulevard
- 45 Longfellow Drive
- 21 Beckwith Drive
- 4 Hawthorn Street
- 141 Englewood Road
- 33 Williston Drive
- 56 Burns Meadow
- 29 Meadow Road
- 476 Frank Smith Road
- 25 Concord Road
- 180 Pinewood Drive

26 Denials:

- 37 Tennyson Drive
- 655 Converse Street
- 19 Greenacre Avenue
- 221 Deepwoods Drive
- Emerson Road (lot #4))
- 189 Englewood Road
- 61 Tabor Crossing
- 198 Yarmouth Street
- 195 Prynwood Road
- 80 Glenbrook Lane
- 358 Bliss Road
- 104 Ardsley Road
- 33 Harwich Road
- 59 Tabor Crossing
- 239 Lynnwood Drive
- 49 Burns Meadow
- 94 West Road
- 20 East Greenwich Road
- 23 Edward Circle
- 10 Oxford Road

- 155 Blueberry Hill Road
- 61 Brooks Road
- 85 Tennyson Drive
- 39 Burns Meadow
- 111 Pendleton Lane
- 16 Burns Meadow

**Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2009 at 2:30 pm in the Police Station Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



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