

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM – POLICE STATION**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008

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

Chairman Fein called the meeting to order at about 8:35 a.m.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the March 5, 2008 meeting were accepted with changes.

Old Business

- Mary Ricco has started volunteering in the Assessors' Office as part of the senior volunteer program. She will be archiving FY2007 property record cards.
- A letter from Attorney Doherty was distributed regarding his abatement request for 20 Brittany Road. He requested that additional information from the environmental manager be considered with his application. The board does not feel any of the new information changes their original decision.

Misc./New Business

- Distributed mail, notices, etc.
 - March 2008 edition of MAAO Newsletter was distributed.
 - **Governing** magazine was distributed to the Chairman.
 - **Banker & Tradesman** update as of March 17, 2008 for Hampden County was given to BOA members. Longmeadow shows 0% change in median sale prices as compared to 2006.
 - City & Town publication distributed to BOA members.

Executive Session

At about 8:50 a.m. the Assessors voted to go into executive session (Fein – yes, Kennedy – yes) to discuss property abatements and personal exemptions and to return to public session to announce the results.

Exemptions

- Chapter 59 §5 Clause 22 Veteran (\$400)
 - 86 Approved
- Chapter 59 §5 Clause 22E Veteran (\$1,000)
 - 12 Approved
- Chapter 59 §5 Clause 37 Blind (\$437.50)
 - 17 Approved
 - 2 Denied
- Chapter 59 §5 Clause 41D Senior (\$500)
 - 9 Approved
 - 2 Denied

Property Abatements

- The board reviewed 11 applications for CPA Exemptions with the following results:
 - 10 Approved
 - 1 Denied
- The board reviewed abatement applications with the following results:
 - 8 Approved (Real Property):
 - 19 Chandler Avenue
 - 234 Green Hill Road
 - 69 Hazardville Road
 - 123 Hopkins Place
 - 117 Lincoln Road
 - 40 Sunset Lane
 - 101 Wenonah Road
 - 27 Woodlawn Place
 - 2 Denied (Personal Property):
 - Bell Atlantic Mobile
 - New Cingular Wireless
 - 31 Denied (Real Property):
 - 9 Druid Circle
 - 8 Osceola Lane
 - 1195 Longmeadow Street
 - 80 Glenbrook Lane
 - 28 Oak Hollow Drive
 - 41 Warwick Street
 - 186 Lynnwood Drive
 - 46 Hawthorn Street
 - 780 Converse Street (Jewish Nursing Home)
 - 460 Laurel Street
 - 106 Lincoln Road
 - 72 Tanglewood Drive
 - 41 Roseland Terrace
 - 456 Wolf Swamp Road
 - 130 South Avenue
 - 452 Longmeadow Street (New England Telephone)
 - 150 Maple Road
 - 77 Longmeadow Street
 - 58 Green Meadow Drive
 - 60 Concord Road
 - 28 Green Meadow Drive
 - 245 Maple Road
 - 64 Coventry Lane
 - 174 Longmeadow Street
 - 83 Ely Way
 - 58 Avondale Road

- 113 Berwick Road
 - 170 Dwight Road
 - 44 Elmwood Avenue
 - 106 Longview Drive
 - 170 Williams Street
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- The board held a discussion in executive session regarding the Glenmeadow condos. Prior to the meeting, Bob prepared a spreadsheet and emailed it to board members for their review. The spreadsheet was categorized by condo type, comparing square footage and features and indicating sale prices for those that had sold within the last few years. After much discussion, abatements for FY2008 were granted to the following:
 - 8 Burns Meadow
 - 12 Burns Meadow
 - 13 Burns Meadow
 - 16 Burns Meadow
 - 21 Burns Meadow
 - 23 Burns Meadow
 - 29 Burns Meadow
 - 35 Burns Meadow
 - 41 Burns Meadow
 - 49 Burns Meadow
 - 43 Morgan Ridge
 - 11 Tabor Crossing
 - 15 Tabor Crossing
 - 35 Tabor Crossing
 - 39 Tabor Crossing
 - 43 Tabor Crossing
 - 55 Tabor Crossing
 - 59 Tabor Crossing
 - 61 Tabor Crossing
 - 69 Tabor Crossing

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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