

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

MONDAY – MARCH 14, 2005

Assessors Present: Chairman Jonathan L. Fein, Scott C. Bush and James J. O'Connell
Also Present: Assistant Assessor Robert P. Leclair

Assessors' Chairman Fein called the meeting to order at about 8:30 a.m.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the February 7, 2005 meeting were accepted as presented.

Public Comment/Correspondence

No one was in attendance for this portion of the meeting.

Excise

No monthly excise report is available. Ann Hubbard, the excise clerk has been ill and in and out of the office for the past few weeks. She was scheduled to undergo surgery this past Friday and the Assessors will be kept up to date on her condition.

Triennial Certification

The RFP for the FY2006 certification was placed in the March 9, 2005 edition of the Springfield Republican. The deadline for bids is March 23, 2005.

Measure and List

A few days after the last Board meeting the digital database as well as all the property record cards were returned to the Assessors' Office. This has held up the entry of transfer of ownership from deed information for November, December and January.

Abatements

About 18-20 applicants have not responded to phone messages and appointments remain to be scheduled. An equal number that have been inspected in the past have to be reviewed for merit by Assistant Assessor Bob Leclair.

Application(s) Approved

- 104 Pinewood Hills
- 122 Dunn Road
- 108 Hazardville Road
- 85 Deep Woods Drive
- 68 Pendleton Lane
- 168 Lawrence Drive
- 180 Williamsburg Drive
- 136 Franklin Road

Application(s) Denied

- 53 Porter Lake Drive

- 46 Longfellow Drive

Misc.

- The excise clerk is on extended sick leave and the Board discussed the need for temporary help. Ann is expected to be out an estimated 4-6 weeks due to her recent surgery.
- The Assessors approved the Clause 41A application for tax deferral from Raymond Beaupre. Bob will follow up with the collector/clerk, accountant and town counsel to get the paperwork filed and the process started.
- Bob passed along an invitation from the “Over Sixty Club” for the Assessors to attend a “meet the new town manager” tea at the senior center on April 7, 2005 from 2-4 p.m.
- An opinion letter from Dan Murphy, Chief, Property Tax Bureau was distributed to the Assessors. Bob Leclair had asked for clarification of Springfield residents on Porter Lake Drive claiming to garage their vehicles in Longmeadow to reduce their insurance. As a result, excise tax bills due and payable to Springfield are being billed as though they reside in Longmeadow.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: – Monday, March 28, 2005 8:30 a.m.
Community Room of the Police Station

Respectfully Submitted,

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Assistant Assessor