

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

**TUESDAY – MARCH 21, 2005**

**Assessors Present:** Chairman Jonathan L. Fein, Dennis Kennedy and Peter Graczykowski  
**Also Present:** Assistant Assessor Robert P. Leclair

Assessors' Chairman Fein called the meeting to order at about 7:05 p.m.

**Public Comment**

The owner of 122 Dunn Road spoke about the unpaved road, well water, and lack of other town services in this section of Longmeadow. She asked if there could be a separate tax rate for the agricultural zone, and when the town was going to improve the living conditions in that area.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the March 7, 2006 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Correspondence, etc.**

The Board briefly discussed the contents of documents mailed to Joe Occhiuti on 3/14/2006 regarding the methodology of assessing property in Longmeadow.

**Personal Exemptions**

One Clause 41C personal exemption was denied as the applicant's income exceeds the statutory limit. The following personal exemptions were approved;

- 12 Veterans, Clause 22E for \$600 each,
- 94 Veterans, Clause 22 for \$250 each,
- 10 Blind, Clause 37 for \$437.50 each,
- 10 Elderly, Clause 41C for \$500 each,
- 10 Senior Work Off Program for \$500 each

**ATB (Appellate Tax Board) FY2005 Cases**

The Assessors met with attorney Dave Martel to discuss the 170 Dwight Road, ATB case scheduled for June 7, 2006. The Board agreed that it is the town's best interest to entertain hiring an expert to appraise and support the FY2005 assessed value. The difference in the assessed value and what the owner thinks the property is worth results in about a \$13,500 difference in taxes due.

Dave has been in contact with an appraiser and estimates that it would cost the town \$3,500 if the case went to trial. In addition there would be the attorney's fees which Dave will estimate and inform the assistant assessor. Bob will discuss the likelihood of obtaining approval to fund this case once he has Dave's estimate. Unfortunately, the motion to dismiss for lack of production of financial documents was denied. Dave has asked the ATB for the written explanation of the reasons for not allowing the motion to dismiss. It is possible that the decision could be appealed once the documentation is reviewed. Obviously this would save the town the cost of going to trial.

### **Executive Session**

The Assessors voted unanimously (Fein – yes, Kennedy –yes, Graczykowski – yes) to enter into executive session to discuss abatement applications and return to open session to announce their decisions on the cases reviewed.

### **FY2006 Property Abatements Applications**

With the tremendous volume of applications the Board is trying to review and vote on the applications that are “likely” to be approved. It is possible that there will not be enough time for the Assessors to review and vote on every application. By law, applications not voted on within three months of application are deemed denied.

### **Denied**

- 122 Dunn Road
- 94 Churchill Drive
- 75 York Drive
- 60 Village Drive
- 409 Maple Road

### **Granted**

- Mill Road
- 27 Benedict Terrace
- 51 Berkeley Drive
- 23 Woodlawn Place
- 37 Rosemore Street
- 125 Emerson Road
- 164 Viscount Road
- 39 Greenacre Avenue
- 184 Primrose Drive
- 51 Meadow Road
- 24 Fairfield Terrace
- 78 Quinnehtuk Road
- 15 Belleclaire Avenue
- 1255 Williams Street
- 21 Beckwith Drive
- 67 Ferncroft Street

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned around 8:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting:           Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.  
                                  Community Room of the Fire Station**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Assistant Assessor