

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

MONDAY – MARCH 26, 2007

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

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

Public Comment

No one was in attendance for public comment.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the March 14, 2007 meeting were accepted as presented.

Correspondence, etc.

The Board received a letter from Donald E. Ashe, Register of Deeds, Hampden County requesting a current street listing that includes a legal reference, etc. Bob is reformatting a VISION report to add some of the requested items that are not on any of the standard reports.

Old Business

The meeting scheduled for March 21, 2007 at the Fire Station was postponed as one of the Assessors was unable to attend.

Appellate Tax Board (ATB)

Bob distributed copies of Dave Martel's "Post-Hearing Memorandum" pertaining to the fiscal 2005 Appellate Tax Board case of Famiglia, LLC (170 Dwight Road). The document was reviewed and a brief discussion followed. Following the ATB's decision, either party could file an appeal. The Assessors will consider their options once the decision is known.

Misc. / New Business

The Assessors voted to abate the Collector's uncollected as follows:

- \$969.20 for fiscal 2004
- \$724.49 for fiscal 2005

A letter was received from Dave Martel informing the Assessors that the town has sold three parcels of land owned by the town. This land was exempt and not being taxed. Unless the purchasing entity is granted exempt status, the land will be taxed in the future. The parcels sold are Lot 26 Sword Avenue Rear, Lot 30 Sword Avenue Rear, and Lot 164-165 Fairview Street. Dave's letter goes on to say that the deed stipulates that the fiscal 2007 taxes will be prorated and the fiscal 2008 taxes will be based on the sale price, not the assessed value. Bob questioned whether the Select Board can stipulate the value. He will follow up with a call to the DOR attorneys.

Executive Session

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

Community Preservation Act (CPA)

- No applications were received; the total remains at 10 and the application deadline is March 27, 2007.

Personal Exemptions

- Chapter 59 §5 Clause 18 Hardship (Infirm & Elderly & Impoverished),
 - 1 Approved,
- Chapter 59 §22 Veterans,
 - 1 Approved,

Property Abatements

Real Property - Denials:

- 60 Village Drive
- Woodsley Road
- 46 Hawthorn Street
- 69 Hazardville Road
- 63 Lawnwood Avenue
- 77 Longmeadow Street
- 117 Pleasantview Avenue
- 78 Ferncroft Street
- Lot B Converse Street
- 168 Williamsburg Drive
- 942 Longmeadow Street
- 93 Longview Drive
- 99 Berwick Road
- 113 Berwick Road
- 106 Longview Drive
- 44 Elmwood Avenue
- 170 Williams Street
- 54 Barclay Street
- 718 Laurel Street
- 29 Lawnwood Avenue
- 41 Roseland Terrace
- 29 Shady Side Drive
- 167 Dwight Road
- 452 Longmeadow Street
- 53 Blueberry Hill Road
- 91 Colony Road
- 28 South Park Avenue
- 53 Homestead Boulevard
- 46 Morgan Ridge

Personal Property Denials:

- New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Real Property – Approvals:

- 165 Converse Street – Unit 11,
- 165 Converse Street – Unit 1,
- 16 Burns Meadow,
- 11 Tabor Crossing,
- 8 Burns Meadow,
- 39 Burns Meadow,
- 9 Burns Meadow,
- 51 Tabor Crossing,
- 43 Morgan Ridge,
- 13 Burns Meadow,
- 29 Burns Meadow,
- 17 Burns Meadow,
- 65 Tabor Crossing,
- 35 Burns Meadow,
- 43 Tabor Crossing,
- 59 Tabor Crossing,
- 12 Burns Meadow,
- 55 Tabor Crossing,
- 15 Tabor Crossing,
- 61 Morgan Ridge,
- 65 Morgan Ridge,
- 35 Tabor Crossing,
- 19 Tabor Crossing,
- 48 Burns Meadow,
- 39 Tabor Crossing,
- 49 Burns Meadow,

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around 10:15 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.
Community Room of the Police Station

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Leclair, CMA, RMA, MAA
Assistant Assessor