

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

**TUESDAY – MARCH 28, 2005**

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

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

**Public Comment**

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Correspondence, etc.**

The March 2006 edition of "City and Town" was distributed.

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

Bob received a call from attorney Dave Martel informing him that the ATB case (168 Williamsburg Drive) scheduled for March 28, 2006 in Boston was cancelled. Once the information on the property card was corrected, the applicant withdrew her appeal. The information was not corrected earlier because neither the assistant assessor, nor the data collector from VISION Appraisal were allowed inside the house. Upon the town's motion to dismiss, the magistrate ordered that the Bob Leclair be allowed to inspect. A simple matter was compounded by the taxpayers' lack of cooperation.

**Misc./New Business**

• **Dunn Road**

Prior to the meeting Bob e-mailed the Assessors a copy of the e-mail he sent to the Select Board. The owner of 122 Dunn Road expressed numerous concerns at the prior meeting about her perception of the lack of services to residents in that neighborhood in an effort to have the Board reduce the value of her property. The Assessors explained that many of her concerns (paving the street for example) are out of their jurisdiction and should be voiced to the Select Board.

• **Documents Sent to the Assessors for Review**

○ Section 38D Information Request

- Dave Martel made suggestions on the wording of Bob's Income and Expense request for data cover letter. Bob revised it and provided copies to the Assessors.
- The second notice letter was also revised and reviewed.
- The Income and Expense form was also included for review.

• **Community Preservation Act**

- There was a brief discussion concerning the CPA. The Board concluded that it is essentially an added tax since it applies to everyone. The Board unanimously agreed that they are not in favor of the CPA.

- **Assessors' Term**

- Peter's appointment expires June 30, 2006 because he was appointed to serve the remainder of Scott's term.
- Jonathan's term (last elected assessor) expires June 30, 2007.
- Dennis's term expires June 30, 2008 as he is the first assessor appointed for a full three year term under the rules of the new charter.

**Executive Session**

The Assessors voted unanimously (Fein – yes, Kennedy – 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.

Attorney David Martel was in attendance for part of the meeting to discuss upcoming ATB cases.

**FY2006 Property Abatements Applications**

**Denied**

- 54 Homestead Boulevard
- 32 Westmoreland Avenue
- 33 Crest Avenue
- 155 Belleclaire Avenue
- 45 Eastland Road
- 942 Longmeadow Street
- 41 Benedict Terrace

**Granted**

- 41 Roseland Terrace
- 411 Longmeadow Street
- 758 Laurel Street
- 123 Hopkins Place
- 75 Northfield Road
- 77 Briarcliff Road
- 14 Fairfield Terrace
- 80 Birchwood Avenue
- 41 Cooley Drive
- 29 Sunset Lane

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned around 8:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting:           Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.  
                                  Community Room of the Police Station**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Assistant Assessor