

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM – POLICE STATION
TUESDAY – MARCH 9, 2004**

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

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

Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes of the February 4, 2004 meeting were accepted as presented.

Public Comment/Correspondence

None

Correspondence/Mail

The February and March issues of *City and Town* were distributed. A brief discussion took place regarding one of the articles about motor vehicle excise.

Excise

The Assessors signed the February 2004 *Monthly List of Abatements, Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise*: \$168.03 from the Levy of 2003.

Measure and List

- Three non-price proposals for the physical inspection of real and personal property were reviewed. Advantages/disadvantages, strengths/weaknesses, etc. of each vendor were discussed. Individual packets of the responses had been mailed to each member prior to the meeting.

Town Meeting/Warrant Articles

Four warrant articles presented to the town administrator that are due by March 10, 2004 were presented, discussed and approved by the Board.

- \$90,000 for the second half, i.e. balance of the proposed measure and list.
- \$16,000 for data entry of information due to the measure and list.
- \$9,000 for possible new DOR "interim year" adjustment of property values.
- \$2,800 for Internet hosting of Assessors' data.

The article for data entry may not be necessary. It may depend upon the Appropriations' Committee recommendations for the Board's budget. If staff is reduced in order to bring the budget to a level funding, they may not be able to do the data entry. Or it is possible that the chosen vendor includes data entry in the bid. The Board has not heard from Appropriations.

Misc.

- The request of the owner at 888 Shaker Road to speak before the Board at the next meeting was discussed. Assistant Assessor Leclair will notify the individual by mail that she can present information to the Board, however, it should be limited to ten minutes.

Abatement Applications And/Or Appellate Tax Board (ATB)

The Assessors voted unanimously to enter into executive session to review abatement applications and to return to open session in order to record their decisions. The results of their votes is as follows:

Abated

- 86 Mill Road
- 45 Berwick Road
- 148 Birch Road
- 89 Laurel Street
- Lot B-3 Hawthorn Street
- 769 Williams Street
- 20 Brittany Road
- 232 Pendleton Lane

Denied

- 5 Jonquil Lane
- 423 Williams Street
- 54 Primrose Drive
- AT&T Wireless Services
- Bell Atlantic Of MA Corp
- 63 Briarcliff Road
- 138 Hawthorn Street
- Lot B-2 Hawthorn Street
- 77 Osceola Lane
- 906 Longmeadow Street

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting: – Tuesday, March 16, 2004 8:30 a.m.
Community Room of the Police Station**

Respectfully Submitted,

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