

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

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 19, 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

No one was present for comment.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the March 28, 2006 meeting were accepted as presented.

Correspondence, etc.

- The April 2006 edition of "City and Town" was distributed.
- April 3, 2006 e-mail from Kathy Grady to Robin Crosbie commenting on abatement applications that could be "deemed denied".
- E-mail from Paul Pasterczyk regarding Kathy's e-mail to Robin.

ATB (Appellate Tax Board) FY2006 Cases

The owner of 26 Riverview Avenue has appealed to the ATB for further relief. The Board granted an abatement on this property and do not believe any additional reduction is warranted.

Misc./New Business

Community Preservation Act

After considerable discussion, the Board felt that there are several reasons that they should recommend that the CPA **not** be adopted by the town. A recent DOR publication indicated that as more towns accept the CPA and the funds generated by the Registry stabilize or decrease, 100% matching funds by the state is no longer a certainty. Even though the spending is restricted and obviously for worthwhile projects, it is just another way to tax the residents of the town. In addition, the Board believes the town should be cautious in accepting programs that may require additional staff in the town offices in order to administer the program as was the case when issuing dump stickers was moved from one department to another. Bob indicated that he has read on the Massachusetts assessing chat line that administering the CPA program (especially the abatement process) has increased the office workload in other towns tremendously.

Dennis volunteered to speak at town meeting and give the Board's recommendation. Bob will forward information about the CPA, and the article indicating that 100% matching funds are no longer guaranteed. Bob also has a brochure from one of the towns that shows the complexity of the abatement procedure that he will forward via e-mail to all Board members.

Town Meeting

Bob reminded the Board that the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at the high school. Starting time is 7:00 p.m.

Brownfields

The Assessors discussed the town manager's request for the Board to send her a note testifying that they have reviewed all commercial properties and state that none of them qualify as Brownfield sites. The Board discussed this and asked that Bob e-mail the town manager with the suggestion that an expert in the field be engaged as they have not reviewed the commercial properties and are not qualified to make any comment on whether or not a parcel is contaminated or not.

Executive Session

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

Personal Exemptions

- The Board denied one 41C elderly application. Income guidelines were not met.
- One Clause 22 application was received late. Assessors will write clause 8 of Chapter 58 request to allow them to grant the exemption once they receive reasons for the late application in writing from the applicant.
- One Clause 37 application was received without a form and properly dated Certificate from the Blind. Assessors will first request a properly dated certificate before they request the 8 of 58 from the state. The applicant has already supplied a written note to the Board stating his particular circumstances for not filing timely.

FY2006 Property Abatements Applications

Denied

- Wenc Law Offices (FY2005 Application)
- 177 Hopkins Place
- 192 Williams Street
- 138 Riverview Avenue
- 28 South Park Avenue
- 99 Berwick Road
- 17 Glenwood Circle
- 80 Bliss Road
- 23 Hawthorn Street
- 139 Wenonah Road
- 162 Greenacre Avenue
- 42 Crest Avenue
- 46 Hawthorn Street
- 114 Woolworth Street
- 113 Osceola Lane
- 18 South Avenue
- 130 South Avenue
- 376 Frank Smith Road
- 89 Warren Terrace
- 82 Belleclaire Avenue
- 1702 Longmeadow Street
- 37 Sylvan Place
- 114 Maple Road

- 302 Blueberry Hill Road
- 29 Crescent Road
- 692 Wolf Swamp Road
- 358 Bliss Road
- 131 Lynnwood Drive
- 46 Village Drive
- 53 Green Meadow Drive
- 59 Wimbleton Drive
- 89 Laurel Street
- 159 Redfern Drive
- 191 Greenacre Avenue
- 862 Longmeadow Street
- 7 Cedar Road
- 109 Oakwood Drive
- 14 Glenwood Circle
- 23 Fernleaf Avenue
- 803 Frank Smith Road
- 165 Converse Street – Unit 6
- 140 Longview Drive
- 870 Longmeadow Street
- 218 Merriweather Drive
- 21 Blockland Drive
- 46 Whitmun Road
- 217 Williams Street
- 46 Longfellow Drive
- 22 Crest Avenue
- 780 Converse Street
- 39 Robin Road
- 70 Belleclaire Avenue
- 21 Dunsany Drive
- 60 Roseland Terrace
- 878 Longmeadow Street
- 213 Twin Hills Drive
- 29 Belleclaire Avenue
- 81 Riverview Avenue
- 163 Greenacre Avenue
- 261 Maple Road
- 113 Berwick Road
- 170 Williams Street
- 44 Elmwood Avenue
- 17 Lexington Road
- 185 Viscount Road
- 21 Primrose Drive
- 45 Mayfair Drive
- 885 Williams Street
- Williams Street Lot (Part of 885)
- 19 Pleasantview Avenue

- 108 Eton Road
- 129 Westmoreland Avenue
- 393 Bliss Road
- 48 Stirling Street
- 101 Barbara Lane
- 43 Hopkins Place
- 15 Villa Street
- 25 Massachusetts Avenue
- 573 Longmeadow Street
- 15 Dartmouth Road
- 170 Dwight Road
- 106 Massachusetts Avenue
- 245 Maple Road
- 649 Wolf Swamp Road
- 131 Wenonah Road
- 116 Williams Street
- 32 Lincoln Road
- 142 Belleclaire Avenue
- 123 Shady Side Drive
- 18 Plymouth Road
- 452 Longmeadow Street

Granted

- Wenc Law Offices
- 27 Glenwood Circle
- 67 Parkside Street
- 93 Longview Drive
- 72 Laurel Street
- 177 Bliss Road
- 669 Frank Smith Road
- 332 Emerson Road
- 1596 Longmeadow Street
- 67 Elmwood Avenue
- 25 Greenacre Avenue
- 43 Glennwood Circle
- 87 Riverview Avenue
- 258 Deep Woods Drive
- 131 Maple Road
- 127 Nevins Avenue
- 124 Riverview Avenue
- 1657 Longmeadow Street
- 186 Longmeadow Street
- 64 Hillcrest Avenue
- 105 Nevins Avenue
- 723 Shaker Road
- 89 Laurel Street
- 159 Redfern Drive

- 191 Greenacre Avenue
- 862 Longmeadow Street
- 7 Cedar Road
- 109 Oakwood Drive
- 14 Glenwood Circle
- 67 Maplewood Street – and allowed Exempt Status

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around 8:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2006
Community Room of the Fire Station**

Respectfully Submitted,

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