

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

MONDAY – MAY 2, 2005

Assessors Present: Chairman Jonathan L. Fein, Scott C. Bush and James J. O'Connell

Also Present: Assistant Assessor Robert P. Leclair

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

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the April 18, 2005 meeting were accepted as presented.

Public Comment/Correspondence

No one was in attendance for this portion of the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation regarding an Appellate Tax Board case and then to discuss several abatement applications with the intention of returning to open session.

Jonathan Fein - yes
Scott Bush - yes
James O'Connell - yes

Attorney David Martel was present for the ATB discussion in executive session.

Excise

No monthly excise report is available.

Personal Exemptions

- Bob updated the Assessors on a few personal exemption applications that were not filed timely, were incomplete, or not submitted. This issue was discussed with Select Board member William Scibelli and acting finance director Paul Pasterczyk. Bob suggested the senior center might have personnel to assist seniors, blind, disabled, and others who may be in need of assistance in filing out forms or providing the proper documentation. A meeting will be scheduled to work on getting some procedure in place without violating anyone's privacy. Bob will double check with the DOR regarding applications filed timely and possible options.

Triennial Certification

- Bob is still waiting to have the contracts that were signed by the Assessors returned to him. They were reviewed by the acting finance director and need town manager approval.

FY2005 Abatement Application(s) Approved – Real Property

- None

Abatement Application(s) Denied – Real Property

- 168 Williamsburg Drive
- 170 Dwight Road
- Converse Street – Lot B
- 942 Longmeadow Street

Misc.

- James J. O’Connell was recognized for a job well done during his 19 years of faithful service to the Board of Assessors. Jim’s term is due to expire and he is stepping down as a member of the Board. Due to the change in the town’s charter all Board members’ positions will change from elected to appointed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: – Wednesday, May 25, 2005 8:30 a.m.
Community Room of the Police Station

Respectfully Submitted,

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