

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

**MONDAY – MAY 24, 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.**

A motion was made to change the makeup of the Board. Jim O'Connell nominated Jonathan Fein as chairman. The motion was seconded and voted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 3, 2004 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Public Comment/Correspondence**

No one asked to speak at this meeting.

**Correspondence/Mail**

None

**Excise**

The Assessors signed the April 2004 *Monthly List of Abatements, Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise*: \$453.96 from the Levy of 2003 and \$7,689.51 from the Levy of 2004 for a monthly total of \$8,143.47.

**Measure and List**

Bob informed the Assessors that the physical inspection of property finally got underway on Wednesday, May 12, 2004. Several phone inquiries have been received along with one complaint. A brief discussion took place about the procedures employed by the Vision data collectors.

**Appellate Tax Board (ATB)**

A letter from Dave Martel dated May 3, 2004 was distributed. In this letter Dave explained that the Appeals Court decision of April 30, 2004 could be further appealed. Once the appeal period has expired, there is no longer a need to have a bookkeeping entry for potential payments to Ruth's House.

**Misc.**

- A list of all Hampden County community tax rates was compiled showing those that have accepted a "split" tax rate. The CIP and Residential Rates were reversed on the spreadsheet that will be corrected. This list can be used when the Board discusses "classification".

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting: – Monday, July 12, 2004 8:30 a.m.  
Community Room of the Police Station**

Respectfully Submitted,

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