

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

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 16, 2004

Assessors Present: Chairman Jonathan L. Fein, Scott C. Bush
Absent: 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

The minutes of the May 24, 2004 meeting were accepted as presented.

Public Comment/Correspondence

No one asked to speak at this meeting.

Correspondence/Mail

- June 2004 copies of City and Town
- MAAO May Newsletter
- MAAO letter with information about the Assessors' meeting at the Red Jacket

Excise

The Assessors signed the May 2004 *Monthly List of Abatements, Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise*: \$100 from the Levy of 2003 and \$6,028.80 from the Levy of 2004 for a monthly total of \$6,128.80.

Measure and List

Bob informed the Assessors that there have only been about a half dozen inquiries about the inspection of property that is currently taking place. Only one actual complaint was received. Overall it is progressing smoothly.

Appellate Tax Board (ATB)

Ruth's House - A letter was distributed from Dave Martel confirming that Ruth's House would not be filing a petition with the Supreme Judicial Court to appeal the decision of the lower court (Appeals Court). Chairman Fein and Bob met with two representatives (Tom and Alan) from Ruth's House on June 3, 2004. Both men were interested how the Board arrived at an assessed value for 780 Converse Street (Ruth's House). Bob mailed literature after the meeting to describe what items are "legitimately" included in an income and expense statement for arriving at a net operating income for arriving at a market value.

Misc./New Business

Correspondence dated June 9, 2004 was received from the Select Board requesting that the Assessors release an amount from the overlay that is considered surplus. Bob had met with the town accountant to make sure that the overlay balance was sufficient to absorb accounts receivable that are still on the books. "Excess" overlay going back to fiscal 1991 was

reconciled. An aggregate amount of \$408,572.55 was deemed to qualify as surplus. A motion was made and seconded that this amount be release to an overlay surplus account. A vote was taken' Fein-yes; Bush-yes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 a.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