

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

**FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2008**

**Assessors Present:** Dennis Kennedy, Kevin Lonergan  
**Also Present:** Assistant Assessor Robert P. Leclair  
**Absent:** Jonathan L. Fein

The meeting was called to order at about 2:30 p.m.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the March 19, 2008 meeting were accepted with changes. The meeting was changed from March 18, 2008 due to the assistant assessor having a conflict. The May 6, 2008 meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

**Old Business**

- The president of the “Villas of Glenmeadow” had written a letter to the Board requesting a time to discuss fiscal 2008 abatements. A copy of this letter was mailed to the Assessors for their review. When contacted Mr. Stearns indicated that he was unable to attend the July 11, 2008 meeting and requested that he be notified of the next meeting.

**Misc./New Business**

- Distributed mail, notices, etc.
  - April, May & June 2008 editions of *Governing* magazine for Chairman Fein,
  - MAAO postcard notices for Assessors,
  - April & May editions of *City & Town* from DOR Division of Local Services,
  - Appellate Tax Update newsletter from Dave Martel,
  - May 2008 MAAO newsletter,
- Discussed March 17, 2008 Banker & Tradesman “Close Up” of Longmeadow property values. Statistically, values were flat for calendar year 2007 sales in Longmeadow.

The Assistant Assessor was appointed for 1 year term by town manager. Prior to enactment of the charter, appointments were made by the Board of Assessors.

Gary Fields, the appraiser with VISION has spent a few days in the office to begin the fiscal 2009 update of property values. Gary had been scheduled to attend the May 6, 2008 meeting to be introduced to the Assessors.

At the request of the collector, the Assessors voted to abate \$32.60 of fiscal 2006 personal property tax and \$169.62 of fiscal 2007 personal property tax of William Snider Law Office due to “ Death, Absence, Poverty, Insolvency, Bankruptcy or other Inability to Pay”.

### **Executive Session**

At about 3:00 p.m. the Assessors voted to go into executive session (Kennedy – yes, Lonergan - yes) to discuss property abatements and to return to public session to announce the results.

### **Property Abatements**

- The board reviewed 2 applications for abatement with the following results:
  - 58 Avondale Road - Approved
  - 54 Fernleaf Avenue - Denied

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

Bob will email members with several dates for a September meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert P. Leclair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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