

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

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 23, 2006

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 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting time was originally 7:00 p.m. Notice of the change was sent to the clerks' office for publication within the prescribed requirements of the open meeting laws.

Public Comment

Three residents were in attendance at this meeting to ask questions and give their input. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the newly adopted Community Preservation Act.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the July 19, 2006 meeting were accepted with changes.

Correspondence, etc.

No correspondence was received.

Old Business

None discussed.

Misc./New Business

- **What's New in Municipal Law**
 - Bob handed out information about the yearly seminar sponsored by the D.O.R., Division of Local Services. The seminar is scheduled for September 29, 2006 in West Springfield. Jonathan, Peter and Bob are attending the seminar. Peter's job requires that he attend, and his fee is not being paid by Longmeadow.

- **Community Preservation Act (CPA)**
 - Bob coordinated tonight's meeting with Paul P. the finance director to bring together the petitioners responsible for getting the CPA on the ballot. Approximately one hour was spent in discussion. The discussion focused around some of the following issues;
 - Are there funds available to administer the program?
 - What are the Assessors' responsibilities beyond granting exemptions?
 - What role will the Community Preservation Committee have in the process?
 - What is the best way to disseminate the information to the public?
 - How much of an impact in time and expense will administering the program have on the Assessor's Office?

 - Questions and comments from those in attendance were answered or taken under advisement.

- **Interim update – FY2007**

- Gary Fields from VISION APPRAISAL had been in the office that day, prior to the meeting analyzing sales information with Bob to prepare the D.O.R., Bureau of Local Assessment FY2007 Interim Year Update of property values. Bob reported this information to the Assessors and discussed the results with them.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around 9:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
Community Room of the Fire Station

Respectfully Submitted,

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