



**BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
TOWN OF HALIFAX  
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**MINUTES**

**MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2012, 6:30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE: All present. Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. Tom Millias, John Shiavone, Holly Merry and Suzan Duggan**

**1. APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2012**

Motion by Tom Millias, second John Shiavone to approve the minutes as written. Vote unanimous.

**2. UPDATE ON PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT ON MONPONSETT ST.**

Sue Duggan informed the Board that developers, Independence Solar, were advised that the Town would not be going forward with a letter of intent to purchase power at the proposed Monponsett St. site. The developers were also advised that the Town would not further discussions until reasonable evidence of financing and up-to-date information on the interconnection process were provided. The Board had agreed that the Town could not afford to incur legal expenses with so much at risk at this point. James Schwartz of Independence Solar replied that our position was understood and he hoped to be able to provide that information in the near future. The Board agreed to go forward with the Annual Town Meeting Article granting authority to negotiate a PILOT should the need present itself in the future.

The Board discussed Senate Bill 2200 which deals with taxation of solar and wind power property and equipment. If passed, this would increase the exemptions and limit the ability of municipalities to negotiate PILOT programs. Sue contacted Senator Thomas Kennedy's office to express her concern and ask that he vote no on the bill.

**3. DISCUSS FY 13 REVISED BUDGET**

Sue advised the Board that the revised budget was submitted to the Finance Committee.

**4. ASSESSORS' BUSINESS NOT ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING**

Just prior to this meeting, Town Accountant, Sandra Nolan, provided the Board with her spreadsheet of available overlay surplus for release by the Assessors. The Board agreed that there would be an amount sufficient to cover the potential funding of an ambulance & loader, but would wait to take a vote on the release of the funds until just prior to the Annual Town Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>.



5. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Motion by Tom Millias, second John Shiavone to meet next on May 8, 2012, at 6:30 pm. Vote unanimous

6. MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by John Shiavone, second Tom Millias to adjourn. Vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES ACCEPTED ON May 8, 2012

BY: Keely O'Malley  
John Shiavone  
Thomas Millias