



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

**MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2013, 6:30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. Tom Millias, John Shiavone, Holly Merry and Suzan Duggan present.

**1. APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2013**

Motion by Holly Merry, Second John Shiavone to approve minutes of 01/29/13 as written. Vote unanimous.

**2. TAKE ACTION ON THE APPEAL OF A FY'13 REAL ESTATE ABATEMENT APPLICATION DENIAL**

Motion by Holly Merry, Second John Shiavone to grant appeal of a FY' 13 real estate abatement application previously deemed denied. Vote: yes- John Shiavone and Holly Merry; abstain Tom Millias. Motion approved.

**3. TAKE ACTION ON PENDING FY' 13 EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**

Motion by Holly Merry, Second John Shiavone to grant (1) FY' 13 Cl.41C exemption. Vote unanimous.

**4. DISCUSS FY 14 ATM BUDGET STATUS, NEW GROWTH**

Sue Duggan advised the Board that, to date, New Growth for Real Estate is \$4.8 million in value (\$86,271 in additional levy) for FY'14. Growth for Personal Property has not been calculated yet. This figure is far below last year's growth of \$8.4 million (including Personal Property). The decrease will be primarily due to the near completion of the town-wide Measure & List project which brought in a total of \$2.5 million in value (\$42,000 in levy) for FY'13 alone.

**5. DISCUSS STATUS OF PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT ON MONPONSETT ST. AND MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26 WITH THE DOR REGARDING SOLAR PILOT AGREEMENTS**

The Department of Revenue held a Solar Valuation Workshop on February 26<sup>th</sup> and Sue Duggan, Tom Millias and Holly Merry attended. The speakers were from George E. Sansoucy, P.E., LLC with representatives from the Department of Revenue legal department and the Mass DOE. Assessors were given information regarding the valuation of a solar project and the negotiating of PILOT Agreements. Information provided has been incorporated into the latest draft PILOT Agreement between the Town and Independence Solar.

**6. DISCUSS FY '14 REVALUATION UPDATE STATUS**

The Town's DOR certification representative will be meeting with Sue Duggan on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to begin the FY'14 Revaluation update. The Town is scheduled to have its preliminary values completed by June 18<sup>th</sup> and ready to be submitted to the DOR for preliminary certification by June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**7. TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NOT ANTICIPATED BY THE BOARD 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

8. NEXT MEETING DATE: Motion by Holly Merry, Second John Shiavone to meet next on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 6:30 PM. Vote unanimous

9. MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM by Holly Merry, Second John Shiavone. Vote unanimous.

MINUTES ACCEPTED ON: APRIL 16, 2013

BY:

Holly Merry  
John J. Shiavone  
James Collins