

UNOFFICIAL

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING

May 18, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.

PRESENT: George Longfellow, Paul Loiselle, David Dickson and Todd Haywood (Assessor). Nancy Van Scoy and David Ross arrived late.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. December 17, 2008: Paul Loiselle moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2008. David Dickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimous.
- b. February 4, 2009: David Dickson moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2009. Paul Loiselle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimous.

NON PUBLIC SESSION

Paul Loiselle made a motion at (time) to enter into a non-public session according to 91-A. Motion seconded by David Dickson. Motion carried.

Paul Loiselle moved at 5:45 PM to exit non-public session. Motion seconded by Nancy Van Scoy. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Assessors made a statement that they had voted not to divulge the minutes of the non-public session.

2. Administrative Maters of other impending Tax Abatements

- a. Stillwater Properties Map16 Lot 78/1-6, 78/8-11
The properties appear to have been assessed above market value. Properties in question are part of Quimby Mountain. The computer software program is table driven. Properties were effectively assessed for the value of the view twice. During the revaluation, properties were isolated for a view by using a “site multiplier”. Previously the “land condition multiplier” adjusted the view. This was not removed when the site adjustment was implemented. A motion to abate \$22,104.38 was made by Nancy Van Scoy. Seconded by David Dickson. The motion carried unanimous.

- b. Morrison, Donald Map 26 Lot 71
The Taxpayer received the elderly exemption for the 75-79 age range in the amount of \$96,300. Mr. Morrison turned 80 in March 2008. He should have

received the 80 and over amount of \$123,800. David Dickson made a motion to abate the amount of \$572.28. Motion seconded by Paul Loiselle. Motion carried unanimous.

c. 3A Development Map 14 Lot 1/1/4-21,44,45,67,68, 121- 141

Abatement request because owner feels the assessments exceed market value due to the cost of infrastructure not yet in place. Taxpayer states the cost of the infrastructure is approx 55,000. Assessor has adjusted these properties approx 45,000 per parcel to account for the cost of the infrastructure not yet incurred. David Dickson made a motion to deny. Paul Loiselle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimous.

d. 3A Development Map 14 Lot 1-8

The property is under appeal because the owner believes the assessments exceed market value. Didn't make a case. David Ross made a motion to deny. Paul Loiselle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimous.

3. Elderly and Disabled Tax Deferral Applications

a. Sopel, Kim Map 16 Lot 64

b. Cassidy, Pauline Map 43 Lot 53

A motion made to approve the deferrals by David Ross. Motion was seconded By Paul Loiselle. Motion carried unanimous.

4. Discussion

Paul Loiselle stated that the Board of assessors is willing to do whatever is necessary to get through the 140 abatements. Commercial abatements total about 40 and have been sent to Steve Traub, the commercial appraiser. The assessor explained how priorities are being set. The filing period is closed. The revaluation increased the amount of abatement requests. Board asked if the Assessor needed more help. The Assessor said his company could provide personnel if need be. But now priority is abatements as opposed to pickups, elderly exemptions and veteran exemptions. Pickups increased total Town assessment by \$27 million. Big ticket items include Lowe's, Wal-Mart, and Elliot Medical and Goodwill mall.

Inventory form discussion: If the taxpayer does not want to fill out the inventory form, then he can choose to pay the penalties. The Supervisors of the checklist will need it for redistricting. The Assessor says the form has no information we need. If we didn't have building permits form would be more helpful. The Town only redistricts every ten years. If the form has no value to assessing dept, then we need to find another way to get the info. In the past postcards have been sent but many were tossed out.

ADJOURNMENT

David Dickson made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 PM.. Seconded by David Ross
Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elayne Pierson
Assessing Clerk