

TOWN OF NEWBURY
Board of Assessors
Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2011

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m.

Present: P. Murphy, S. Wechsler, C. Keville & G. Thompson
Chairman: B. Kelley

Normal Business:

- Minutes – The minutes for the January 31, 2012 meeting were read and accepted.
- Monthly Manager’s Meeting update - Reminder: Ethics Seminar 2/15 9:00 a.m. at the Newbury Elementary School.
- ATB – A withdrawal from the ATB was received from 10 Annapolis Way.
- RE & PP Abatements – SoftRight will be here Thursday February 9th to begin training for motor vehicle excise and boats.
- Office work - Carrie has supplied an Informational Guideline Release regarding supplemental billing (Hopkinton Bill). This information will be reviewed at a future meeting.
- Mail – A monthly expenditure report was reviewed. Various service/product mailings were reviewed and disposed of.

New Business:

Frank Remley met with the board at 6:15 p.m. regarding the assessment of 16 Old Farm Way. He asked for an explanation for why his taxes increased. The assessors spoke to Mr. Remley about the fact that his property value decreased it was the increase in the tax rate that caused the increase in his tax dollars. Ginny and Carrie printed reports for current vs. previous values in NV and MV neighborhoods and single family sales from 2010. The reports given showed his neighborhood to be comparable to others in the NV and/or MV neighborhood codes.

Mr. Remley wanted to understand the decline in value on Plum Island oceanfront properties. The board informed Mr. Remley that an Appellate Tax Board case determined the reduction of value of the Plum Island oceanfront homes. This adjustment will remain on the properties until the “stigma” is lifted. Sales prices increasing on these homes will be the factor to show a change is needed.

Mr. Remley thanked the board for their time.

Budd motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Peter seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting adjourned.

F. “Budd” Kelley, Chairman

Sanford Wechsler

E. Peter Murphy