# Sturbridge Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

# February 23

### **Attendance:**

Dan Matte (DM), Paul Murphy (PM), Sophia Lengyel-Rogers (SR), Ann Murphy (AM),

### Meeting called to order:

DM called Meeting to Order at 4:05 P.M.

### Sign all necessary documents:

**Monthly Abatement Reports** MV 2014 Commitment #7 MV 2015 Commitment #1 60 Motor Vehicle Abatement Applications 2 Veteran Exemption Applications (22E) 1 Sewer Betterment Commitment and Warrant

- 1 Amended Chapter Land Application

PM made a motion to approve the 10/6 minutes as written, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF. PM made a motion to approve the 1/12 minutes as written, SR 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF

#### **New Business:**

AM discussed the percentage change in the number of homes which are visited by the Assessors office. 1/3 of visits gained access in 2013. 2/3 gained access in 2014.

The Board discussed implementation of Clause 56 exemptions.

PM made a motion to accept retroactive applications, which can go back to 2002, for three months after the newspaper publication of the exemption option. SR 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF.

PM made a motion to add the following to the exemption criteria: Applications must be made within 12 months after returning from foreign deployment. SR 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF.

PM made a motion that the 50% exemption will be prorated based on the numbers of quarters of deployment during the fiscal year. SR 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF.

Discussed lot B, Westwood Dr. This lot is not currently taxed. AM will seek advice of town counsel. **Next Public Meeting:** 

March 23, 2015 @ 4:00 P.M, Conference Room 2, Town Hall, 308 Main Street

## **Meeting Adjournment:**

PM made a motion to adjourn, SR 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF. Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.