

## FINAL

### Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes January 14, 2013

#### **Attendance:**

William B. Mitchell (WM)  
Dan Matte (DM)  
Kevin Arena (KA)

#### **Absent:**

Bob Lucier (BL)

**Meeting called to order:** DM called meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Public Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from 12/17/2012 were reviewed: KA made a motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes until BL could attend physically or by remote session, DM 2ND, AIF

#### **4:10 P.M. Assessor's signatures required:**

2 Assessors Warrant to Collector for two sewer betterment payoffs  
2 Notices of Commitments for two sewer betterment payoffs  
1 Monthly Report of Real Estate Abatements as of December 31, 2012  
1 Monthly Report of Motor Vehicle Abatements as of December 31, 2012  
1 Commitment for Fiscal Year 2013 Boat Excise Taxes  
1 Assessors Warrant to Collector for the Fiscal Year 2013 Boat Excise Taxes  
1 Notice of Commitment for the Fiscal Year 2013 Boat Excise Taxes  
2 Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Applications  
1 Boat Excise Abatement Application  
35 Chapter 61A & 61B Annual Applications

#### **4:25 P.M. New Business:**

**4:25 P.M.** – The Principal Assessor reviewed guidelines from the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Guidelines regarding members of a public body being able to attend a public meeting by remote session. This must be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Principal Assessor will request the item to be added to their agenda for approval.

**4:35 P.M.** – The Principal Assessor handed out the Conflict of Interest packets from the Town Clerks Office for them to review and complete.

**4:45 P.M.** - The Principal Assessor updated the Board on the pending ATB cases. The board reviewed the commercial appraiser's recommendations and asked the Principal Assessor to negotiate a settlement that is in the best interest of the town.

#### **5:00 P.M. Discuss Abatements for FY2013:**

Application #58 – 20 Finlay Road, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #57 – 19 Finlay Road, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to deny the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #59 – 35 Finlay Road, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

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Applications #55 & #56 – 572 & 595 Main Street, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to reduce the total of both properties to \$265,000 (the purchase price of the properties on 05/19/2012 by the current owner) and abate the necessary taxes, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #49 - 234A Arnold Road, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #50 – 214A Arnold Road, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #51 – 216B Arnold Road, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to deny the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #52 – 216A Arnold Road, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #53 – 218A Arnold Road, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #60 – 75 River Road, Sturbridge, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #42 – 66 Shattuck Road, Sturbridge, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #36 – 256 New Boston Road, Sturbridge, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #54 – 297 Clarke Road Extension, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

#### **5:40 P.M. Commercial Abatement Applications sent to Vision for Review:**

Application #16 – 208 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA: KA made a motion to deny the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor & Commercial Appraiser, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #37 – 509 Main Street, Unit #3, Sturbridge, MA: KA made a motion to abate the abatement as recommended by the Principal Assessor & Commercial Appraiser, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

Application #46 – 454 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA: KA made a motion to reduce the value of the property to \$285,000 and abate the necessary taxes, DM 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF

#### **5:55 P.M. Commercial Abatements for FY2013 with pending FY2012 ATB Appeals:**

Applications #12 & 35 – 19 Mashapaug Road & 87-1 Breakneck Road - Outdoor World, Sturbridge, MA: Due to a pending ATB case from FY2012, the board has tabled this decision until final negotiations are made with the pending case.

**Old Business:** None Discussed

**Next Public Meeting:** January 28, 2013 @ 4:00 P.M

**Meeting Adjournment:** KA made a motion to adjourn at 6:03 P.M., DM 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF