

FINAL

Board of Assessor Public Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Principal Assessor, William B. Mitchell (WM)

Dan Matte, Chairman (DM)

Kevin Arena, Vice Chair (KA)

Absent:

Carol Childress (CC)

Carol resigned her position with the Board of Assessors due to a conflict of interest. Carol works for Vision Government Solutions, Inc. which the Town of Sturbridge contracts for valuation services. Many of the upcoming meetings will include contract negotiations with Vision. Carol thought it would be best to resign and allow her seat to be filled in the upcoming election. We appreciate all of Carol's efforts and wish her the best.

Meeting called to order: DM called meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

01/09/2012 Draft Public Minutes: KA motion to approve as written; DM 2nd; AIF.

Assessor Signatures Required:

- 1 Motor Vehicle Abatement

Residential Abatements -

- Abatement Application #34. This abatement was previously approved at an earlier meeting. The owner is not satisfied with the abatement that was granted. The abatement was tabled to discuss at a later meeting. The applicant will be invited in to speak with the board for further consideration.
- Abatement Application: #76. Motion to approve by KA; 2nd by DM; AIF.

Commercial Abatements -

- Abatement Application #54. Motion to approve by KA; 2nd by DM; AIF.
- Abatement Application #64. Motion to approve by KA; 2nd by DM; AIF.
- Abatement Application #77. Motion to approve by KA; 2nd by DM; AIF.
- Abatement Applications #81, 82 & 83. Motion to approve by KA; 2nd by DM; AIF.
- Abatement Application #84. Tabled to special meeting due to conflicts of interest by DM.
- Abatement Application #99 & 100. Motion to deny by KA; 2nd by DM; AIF.

New Business:

The principal assessor reviewed the budget of the office with the board and the RFP's that were returned by Vision Government Solutions and Real Estate Research Consultants.

Document Locations:

All documents are located on file in the Assessor's office in the town of Sturbridge.

Next Meeting Date: Special Meeting January 30, 2012, 4:00 p.m., Regular Meeting February 6, 2012, 4:00pm, Town Hall Assessor's Office.

Meeting Adjournment: DM Motion; KA 2nd, AIF. 6:00 p.m.