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Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes
January 28, 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 4:11 P.M.

Meeting Minutes: The Public Minutes from 01/14/2013 were reviewed: KA made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written, DM 2ND, AIF

4:15 P.M. Assessor's signatures required:

1 Assessors Warrant to Collector for a sewer betterment payoff.
1 Notice of Commitment for a sewer betterment payoff.
Commitment #1 for Calendar Year 2013 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes
Commitment #7 for Calendar Year 2012 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes
Supplemental Commitment #56 for Calendar Year 2012 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes
3 Assessors Warrants to Collector for the Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments Listed Above.
3 Notice of Commitments for the for the Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments Listed Above.
21 Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Applications
2 Boat Excise Abatement Applications

4:25 pm - Principal Assessor Update & New Business:

- 1) The Principal Assessor discussed feedback from the Town Administrator regarding remote participation for public meetings. The Town Administrator reported that this subject was brought in front of the Selectmen twice in the past year and was not received well. The Board of Assessors decided to table the idea based upon his feedback.
- 2) The Principal Assessor asked for an Update on the Handout s for the Conflict of Interest – Ethics mandatory training information from Kevin Arena and Dan Matte. Both reported that they have read the paperwork, however; have not found time to complete it.
- 3) Discuss the Final Abatement Filings for Fiscal Year 2013:

Application #9 – 110 McGilpin Road, Sturbridge, MA: KA made a motion to deny the abatement application as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2nd; AIF

Application #'s 30, 31 & 32 – 3, 5, & 1 Tannery Road, Fiskdale, MA: KA made a motion to deny the abatement applications as recommended by the Principal Assessor, DM 2nd; AIF

Application #'s 12 & 35 – Outdoor World, Sturbridge, MA:
Due to a pending ATB case from FY2012, I have requested an extension to act until February 21, 2013 from the applicant. They have agreed upon the extension and will continue to negotiate the appellate tax board case with us.

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- 4) 4:35 pm - The Principal Assessor recommended to enter into executive session to discuss the pending Appellate Tax Board Cases:

KA made a motion to enter into executive session for reason #3 to discuss the pending Appellate Tax Board cases with the intention of reconvening, DM 2nd; AIF

5:00 pm – Public Meeting Reconvened from Executive Session:

Roll Call: Kevin Arena (present), Dan Matte (present), William Mitchell (present)

- 5) Sign Gateway Forms for Exemption Reimbursements

Old Business: None Discussed

Next Public Meeting: February 18, 2013 @ 4:00 P.M

Meeting Adjournment: KA made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 pm, DM 2nd; AIF