

FINAL
Board of Assessors Public Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

William B. Mitchell, Principal Assessor (WM)
Dan Matte, Chairman (DM)
Robert Lucier, Clerk (BL)

Absent:

Kevin Arena, Vice Chairman (KA)

Meeting called to order: DM called the meeting to order at 4:48 P.M.

Meeting Minutes: 06/04/2012 Draft Public Minutes: BL motion to approve as amended, DM^{2nd}, AIF

Assessor Signatures Required:

- Sign 13 – 2012 Motor Vehicle Abatement Application approvals.
- Sign 6 – 2012 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatement Application denials.

New Business:

Ken Nascondiglio made an appearance to discuss the percolation test results and class change of the 11 lots located on Ladd Road. All percolation test results failed the Sturbridge bylaw of 20 minutes per inch and if applicable in the future, would not pass the D.E.P. regulation of 60 minutes per inch. After review of the documentation provided by the Board of Health office, the Board voted unanimously to change the State Classification Code for the 11 lots on Ladd Road owned by Mr. Nascondiglio from Developable land to Undevelopable land.

The principal assessor updated the Board of Assessors on the surplus of funds in the overlay account as related to the liabilities of the town in regards to pending Telephone and Telegraph cases with the Appellate Tax Board. The Supreme Court ruled on 03/18/2012 that Verizon is not responsible for FY2009 taxes related to Poles & Wires over public ways along with Construction Work in Progress related to such property. Verizon paid \$61,530.66 for poles and wires over public ways in FY2009 to the Town of Sturbridge which should be refunded to them at 8% interest from the date those taxes were paid. The interest, however; should be debited from a different account, not the overlay account. The Board of Assessors reviewed all other outstanding liabilities and has voted unanimously as follows:

To release \$104.12 of excess overlay as related to FY2005 liability.

To release \$39,594.12 of excess overlay as related to FY2007 liability.

To release \$69,227.23 of excess overlay as related to FY2009 liability and retain an amount of \$61,530.66 for the purposes of refunding Verizon as decided by the Supreme Court.

To release \$23,833.88 of excess overlay as related to FY2010 liability.

To release \$36,603.61 of excess overlay as related to FY2011 liability.

The resultant excess overlay balance to be released based upon the figures noted above is \$169,362.96.

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

Next Meeting Date: July 16, 2012, 4:00p.m. Assessor's Office, Town Hall

Meeting Adjournment: BL Motion, DM 2nd, AIF – 6:15 p.m.