# FINAL Board Of Assessors Public Meeting Minutes August 20, 2012

### Attendance:

William B. Mitchell (WM)
Dan Matte Chairman (DM)
Kevin Arena Vice Chairman (KA)
Robert Lucier Clerk (BL)

Meeting call to order: DM called the meeting to order at 4:25 P.M.

**Meeting Minutes:** 08/06/2012 Draft Public Minutes: BL made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended, KA <sup>2nd</sup>, A.I.F.

## **Assessor Signatures Required:**

1 Motor Vehicle Tax Abatement

### **New Business:**

The Board of Assessors previously met with the final candidate for the data collector position. Based upon the meeting and the candidate's qualifications, the Board of Assessors unanimously recommended the appointment of Brain C. Taylor as data collector to the Board of Selectmen.

The principal assessor discussed the presentation to be made to the Board of Selectmen for the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting in preparation to the Classification Hearing on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Based upon the information provided by the Principal Assessor the Board of Assessors voted as follows:

- 1) KA made a motion to adopt a single tax rate for fiscal year 2013, BL 2<sup>nd</sup>, A.I.F.
- 2) KA made a motion not to adopt the Open Space Discount for Fiscal Year 2013, BL 2<sup>nd</sup>, A.I.F.
- KA made a motion not to adopt the Residential Exemption for Fiscal Year 2013, BL 2<sup>nd</sup>, A.I.F.
- 4) KA made a motion not to adopt the Small Commercial Exemption for Fiscal Year 2013, BL  $2^{nd}$ , A.I.F.

The Board of Assessors discussed an upcoming WCAA seminar regarding personal property depreciation schedules and new legislation for solar facilities.

The principal assessor demonstrated the new GIS Website for the Town of Sturbridge as an overview of the new changes that have been made.

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# **Old Business:**

The Principal Assessor provided an update to the Board regarding the pending ATB cases. No new information was provided.

**Document Locations:** All documents referred to above are located on file in the Assessor's Office in the Town of Sturbridge.

Next Meeting Date: September 10, 2012

Meeting Adjournment: BL, Motion KA <sup>2nd</sup>, AIF 6:15 P.M.