



TOWN OF WAREHAM Board of Assessors

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- MEETING DATE: Thursday April 5, 2012 at 1:02 pm
- PRESENT: Steven Curry, John Donahue and Brenda Eckstrom also present:
Elsa Miller, Director of Assessment.
- MINUTES: The minutes of March 22, 2012 were presented for approval. Only one member of that meeting was present to approve the minutes, these minutes were tabled until the next meeting.
- BUSINESS:
- The Board Chairman welcomed the two new members John Donahue and Brenda Eckstrom.
 - D.O.R. will be holding a Classification Workshop in Wareham on April 17, 2012.
 - Norfolk/Suffolk Assessors Association is having a seminar at Lombardo's in regards to several topics noted by John Donahue, time and date will be forthcoming.
 - The board was presented with a listed Overlay amounts that the Wareham Fire District has requested to have released. The Board reviewed the list and discussed with the Director if the number corresponded with the assessors list and they did. Motion was made by Brenda and seconded by Steve to release the Overlay amounts for fiscal years 2001 thru 2011 in the amount totaling \$58,000 as noted in the letter provided by the district. The three-member board voted 2-0-1 with John abstaining due to a family member being the treasurer of the district.
 - The issue of senior work off and the effect on the overlay amount was brought up and the board discussed who was responsible for the implementation and record keeping of the qualified applicants. The board requested the director contact Susan Green from Council on Aging for a number of applicants.
 - The Chairman entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss and act on Abatements and Exemptions. No motion was made, as members Brenda Eckstrom and John Donahue felt that

the issue for discussing abatements in executive session did not meet the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. Steve Curry noted that the abatement forms under MGL Ch 59 sect 60 and the information on them is not open to public disclosure or confidential and hence should not be discussed in an open meeting. John Donahue stated that he has been discussing abatements with his board in West Bridgewater and recently met with taxpayers to discuss their abatement in open session with other taxpayers present. Discussion ensued about various forms including statutory exemptions and Clause 18 applications. The board decided to get additional information from D.O.R and the MAAO on these issues. The board acted on one abatement application in open session only referring to the application number due to the time issue of 90 days. The board voted 3-0-0 to abate.

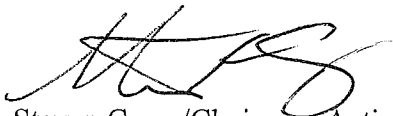
- The board signed the applications for exemptions presented and monthly reports.
- Brenda had to leave for doctors appointment and the board adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Motion made, seconded and voted 3-0-0 to adjourn at 2:42 PM.

Next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012 @ 1:00 PM

I certify that the minutes of this meeting are true and correct to the best of my recollection.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Curry/Chairman-Acting clerk

