

Board of Assessors
Meeting: December 7, 2009
Wayland Town Building

Meeting called to order by Chair Susan Rufo at 7:05 pm

Present: Members: Susan Rufo, Vice-chair; Jayson Brodie and Molly Upton
Assistant Assessor: Ellen Brideau

Public comment: None

Minutes: Minutes of November 30, 2009 approved as presented.

Status of office activities - presented by E. Brideau.

- Correspondence: Wayland Town Clerk re: 2010 meeting notices

Selectmen's Classification Hearing – Board reviewed and updated presentation (see attached). By consensus, the board decided not to include a recommendation regarding a uniform/split tax rate. The board affirmed that its function is to administer tax policy not advocate for it.

Chapter Land – E. Brideau reviewed her letter to the board that summarized the salient points of Chapter 61/61A/61B based on her conversation with Dan Murphy of the DOR. Based on D. Murphy's guidance, modifications were made in the letters sent to owners with questionable Chapter Land status. The request for data was made more specific. .

FY'10 reassessment: No word from DOR on approval of "new growth."

At 7:40 pm upon unanimous roll call vote, the board went into executive session to review abatement cases pending at ATB.

At 8:00 pm, the meeting was recessed and the Board of Assessors joined the Selectmen for the Classification Hearing.

The Assessor's meeting reconvened in the Assessor's office at 8:40 pm and resumed executive status. Z. Ventress joined the meeting.

The board came out of executive session at 8:55 pm and resumed regular meeting.

Old Business: Deferred until next meeting

New Business:

- J. Brodie requested that the staff report to the board by the end of February on steps necessary to allow the next Classification Hearing to be scheduled for early November 2010.
- The board reviewed and finalized an insert for the next tax billing. The insert deals with the FY'10 tax rate and the option of filing abatement if the taxpayer disagrees with their property's assessment.

The chair set next meeting for December 14 at 7:00 pm and the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jayson S. Brodie

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