

Assessors Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2013

Meeting was held on Monday February 4, 2013 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Sandy Lilly
Present: Sandy Lilly (SL), Wayne Gardner (WG), Peter Wiitanen (PW), Jennifer Morse (JM)

Appointment: Eric Connally and David Portelli property owners of 86 Willis Howes Road (Map 12 Lot 59 and Map 13 Lot 49) – Discussion regarding property and Chapter options going into the future. SL gave Chapter 61 handouts with information and property cards to the owners. They have received an \$800 grant from the state for a forest management plan and came to the Assessors on the advice of Scott Sylvester. Gave the property owners information on Chapter deadlines.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to accept the minutes from January 21, 2013. *WG – Aye, SL – Aye, PW - Abstained*

Signatures: All documents were signed by *All Board Members* unless otherwise noted

- Warrant to Collector for Motor Vehicle Commitment #7 – 2012 in the amount of \$1712.41
- Warrant to Collector for Motor Vehicle Commitment #1 – 2013 in the amount of \$137,228.75
- Monthly Report January 2013 Motor Vehicle – four abatements in the amount of \$139.89
- Monthly Report January 2013 RE/PP - one abatement and four exemptions in the amount of \$3794.72
- Payment Voucher – Mayflower Valuation – Final bill for FY13 in the amount of \$4760 *Signed by SL*
- William & Pamela Tucker- Chapter 61 Lien to be filed with Registry of Deeds Map 14 Lot 36 with a total of 91.2 of which 89.2 acres are to be classified under Chapter 61 - *Signed by Members & Notarized by JM*
- Sharon Wells - Chapter 61A Lien to be filed with Registry of Deeds Map 7 Lot 53 with a total of 10 acres of which 8 acres are to be classified under Chapter 61A - *Signed by Members & Notarized by JM*

Old Business:

- Cyclical Visits – Samuel reported to JM/SL that he would be done with the cyclical by the end of this week. SL went on a cyclical visit with Samuel last week and found it to be educational and that Samuel is very professional. JM reports that the cards are very thorough and completed nicely. SL is going to draft a letter to Duane about how positive the visits have been.
- Fire Department Mapping – PW reports that no follow up needs to happen at the BOA. All of the parcels in question are in Ashfield.
- Town Report 2012 - The article for the Town Report was written by SL. WG thought it was written well and was informative for the tax payer. JM to forward the report to the Town Clerk. - Appendix A (Town Report 2012)
- Assessors Budget Hearing with BOS - The board is scheduled to meet with the BOS on March 6, 2013 with the hearing beginning at 7:30 p.m. JM inquired with Mary Fitzgibbon and the BOA will not be able to go first at the hearing due to Tom (Highway Super indent) schedule.

New Business:

- 2011 Motor Vehicle Abatement Revisit - WG brought a denied Motor Vehicle Abatement Request to the board questioning whether the abatement should have been granted. After discussion and research the BOA found that the abatement could not be granted, the plate were turned in at the end of 2011

making the tax due on the vehicle for that year. Taxes for 2012 would have been charged under personal property if the vehicle had not been sold.

- **Abatements-**

A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to grant abatement to Mike Williams- Map 2 Lot 112 in the amount of \$1082.03. *SL – Aye, WG – Aye, PW – Aye*

A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to grant abatement to William and Pamela Tucker- Map 14 Lot 36 in the amount of \$ 2062.09. *SL- Aye, WG- Aye, PW- Aye*

JM reported that Samuel is going to complete an inspection of another application and WG is going to check on the status of a torn down shed on another abatement request.

- **Davis 58.8 Approval -** The DOR gave approval to abate the request of 58.8 for Clinton and Gail Davis. They abatement certificates were signed by all member of the board and will be forwarded to the tax collector for processing. Mr. and Mrs. Davis paid taxes on property that was placed into their names on a clerical error for 2010 and 2011. A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to grant the abatements to Mr. and Mrs. Davis in the amount of \$718.97 for 2010 and \$740.20 for 2011. *SL- Aye, WG- Aye, PW – Aye*
- **Peck Realty Trust Omitted Bill 2013-** An omitted property tax bill was prepared for Mr. William Peck, Map 2 Lot 93. The land several years ago was placed in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Davis and at that time the acreage was changed and all land was placed in luc:601(chapter 61). The property by survey is now 8 acres of which 1.728 acres are classified as luc: 131(potential) and the rest is classified under chapter 61. JM made changes to the property card and the omitted bill in the amount of \$72.87 will be forwarded to the tax collector with the warrant to collect.
- **St. John’s Omitted Bill 2013 -** An omitted property tax bill was prepared for ST. Johns Church, Map 7-2 Lot 30. The church is currently exempt from taxes however a rental office space (13x13) is now being assessed as office space. The property is not a split use code and in the future the tax bills will reflect the cost for the office space. The omitted tax bill in the amount of \$161.62 will be forwarded to the tax collector with the warrant to collect.

Senior Exemption

A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to grant an exemption in the amount of \$500 under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 – Exemption 41C for application number 13-13. *SL- Aye, WG- Aye, PW – Aye*

Next meeting February 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. *SL – Aye, WG – Aye, PW- Aye*

Submitted by:

Jennifer Morse

February 11, 2013

Approved: February 25, 2013