

Assessors Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2015

Meeting was held on Tuesday February 17, 2015 and called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sandy Lilly  
Present: Sandy Lilly (SL), Rick Chandler (RC), Donna Sarro (DS), Jennifer Morse (JM)

**Minutes**

A motion was made by RC and seconded by SL to accept the meeting minutes from February 5, 2015 as amended. VOTE: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0

**Signatures**

Payment Voucher - The Recorder \$25.20

*Signed by SL*

**Old Business**

Ashfield House LLC - Tabled

Buckland/Ashfield Town Line- JM distributed copies of the opinion provided by Neil Gaffney from Mass GIS. Mr. Gaffney is certain that the town boundary is correct and stated to Pamela Guyette of the Buckland Assessors that the town could challenge the Mass GIS by hiring a surveyor however the state surveyed the area already and pin pointed the three monuments that are the original town boundaries. Pam reached out to the Town of Williamstown who is dealing with the same issues at this point, they have been working on the project for two years and have to deal with a large difference in the tax rate with its abutting community. Auburn had the same problem as well and they sent letters to the affected properties explaining what had happened and the changes were made. Rowe and Heath are also dealing with this situation, at this time no action is being taken. A meeting will be held between the two boards (Ashfield and Buckland) to determine what the next steps are. The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at the Buckland Town Hall on Thursday March 5, 2015. DS will not be present at the meeting but asked that it be recorded.

376 March Road Inspection: Wednesday March 18 at 9 a.m. A meeting of the Board of Assessors will be called to order at 8:30 a.m. if there is a quorum. RC didn't think he was going to be able to make it to the inspection. DS asked that pictures of the property be taken to share with the board. SL stated that she would contact Jim Hawkins after the inspection.

**New Business**

Assessors Expense Report - February 17, 2015

Town Caucus- SL brought up town caucus on March 10<sup>th</sup> and asked RC if he would take a nomination again. RC stated that at this time he is not going to seek a nomination for the three year term. He does not feel comfortable taking the term and having to resign and is unsure of his retirement plans. Discussion on the role of the Assessor within town and with the DOR ensued.

**Next Meetings:**

March 2, 2015 - 6:00 p.m. Appointment: Corinne Gougeon

March 5, 2015 - 4:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with Buckland Board of Assessors

March 16, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by SL and seconded by RC to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:25 p.m. and enter into executive session – reasoning: exemptions and abatements, and not to return to the regular meeting. ***Roll Call***

***Vote: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0***

Submitted:

Jennifer Morse (Assessors Clerk)

February 18, 2015

Approved 3/2/15 VOTE: 2-0