

Assessors Meeting Minutes  
August 5, 2013

Meeting was held on Monday August 5, 2013 and called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sandy Lilly  
Present: Sandy Lilly (SL), Wayne Gardner (WG), Peter Wiitanen (PW) and Jennifer Morse (JM)

**Appointments/Audience:** None

**Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to accept the minutes from July 31, 2013.

**Vote:** *SL- Aye, WG- Aye, PW- Abstained*

**Signatures: Signed by All Board Members unless otherwise noted**

Payment Voucher - MAAO - Clerk Conference \$40 (Document 1)

*Signed by SL*

WG had asked if Patriot would be hosting another Users Conference again this fall in Holyoke. JM followed up with KK at Patriot and she will let us know when and if they will be hosting one. Discussion on the upcoming fall Assessors 101 class- JM and WG are to attend, no dates are available yet.

**Old Business:**

Abatement # 13-06 Deemed denied notice will be sent to taxpayer

FCAA Annual Meeting - New Date (Document 2) - Reviewed by Board, no members plan on attending.

Richard Ginns- Land Discrepancy - PW stated that the maps are correct and that Map 2 Lot 24 needs to be changed back to the previous owner. JM looked up the deed and made the change in the data base. JM will contact Mr. Ginns to let him know that the changes have been made and will contact the tax collector as well to come up with a resolution for the preliminary tax bill.

**New Business:**

Michael McCusker - Map 14 Lot 42 and Lot 56 - Chapter 61B Rollback Questions and Property Assessment Question: Mr. McCusker had stopped by the office to clarify some Chapter 61B rollback questions but also wondered why in 2008 his property value was cut in half. Discussion by the BOA on possible reasons why the property value was decreased included front footage. PW stated that several lots would have to be looked at to see if the change was made to all properties or perhaps a clerical error changed this particular lot.

Email from Sally Loomis Executive Director Hilltown Land Trust - RE: newly acquired land on Bear Swamp and Hawley Road (Document 3) Discussion that the Hilltown Land Trust new property on Bear Swamp and Hawley Road would be made exempt like the other properties owned by Hilltown Land Trust.

A motion was made by SL and seconded by PW to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and to not return to regular meeting going into Executive Session for Litigation (MGL Chapter 39 S.23B) Ashfield House LLC vs. Ashfield House – **Vote:** *SL- Aye, WG- Aye, PW- Aye*

**Next Meetings:**

August 19 at 6 p.m.

***Submitted by:***

***Jennifer Morse***

Document List

1. MAAO Payment Voucher – Clerk Conference
2. FCAA Annual Meeting Notice
3. Email from Hilltown Land Trust re: Bear Swamp/Hawley Road Purchase