

Assessors Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2013

Meeting was held on Monday November 18, 2013 and called to order at 6:01p.m. by Sandy Lilly  
Present: Sandy Lilly (SL), Wayne Gardner (WG), Peter Wiitanen (PW) and Jennifer Morse (JM)

**Appointments:** None

**Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to accept the meeting minutes from October 21, 2013

**VOTE:** SL – Aye, WG – Aye, PW- Aye

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

LA4, LA13, LA15 - Signed by Members prior to meeting in Gateway system

Tax Rate Recap needs to be signed in Gateway by WG and PW

LA5 - *Signed in Gateway by SL*

Real Estate/Personal Property Monthly List - October

Motor Vehicle Monthly List – October

Payment Voucher- CAI Technologies \$1350 *Signed by SL*

Motor Vehicle Commitment #6

**Old Business:**

Ashfield House LLC vs. Ashfield - Letter read by SL from Donna MacNicol regarding Attorney Barry Auskerns withdrawal from the Appellate Tax Board with Ashfield using the value of \$475,000 for Fiscal Year 2012. JM shared that the values are already set in the computer for 2014 so an abatement will have to be granted in January. JM to contact Samuel about changing the value in the computer for 2015.

FVAC Chapter Land Values for Fiscal Year 2015 - It was brought to the boards attention by Samuel of Mayflower Valuation that Ashfield is currently using the below average rate for Chapter Land Values. Duane and Samuel shared that the only towns they know of who do not use the Average rate is Deerfield and Sunderland and they use above average. Discussion by the board.

A motion was made by PW and seconded by SL to change the FVAC rate from below average to average for Fiscal Year 2015. **VOTE:** SL- Aye, WG- Aye, PW- Aye.

**New Business:**

Forest Cutting Plan (Gregory Shea) - Plan Reviewed by Board

Form of List- Personal Property Plan and Letter- In an effort to update the Personal Property accounts for the Re-Val year JM will send the Form of List with Assessors Notice to all current account holders and businesses in Ashfield. In the spring JM will coordinate with Samuel to begin Personal Property Inspections.

Franklin County Registry of Deeds- Yearly Invoicing: The registry will now be sending a yearly invoice instead of the monthly invoices. Letter read by SL.

**Chapter Land Applications:** Signed by **All Members** unless otherwise noted

Mass Land League	Application # 41A	Chapter 61A	
Kyla Allon	Application #42	Application not complete	
Fisher/Gorevic	Application #43	Chapter 61A	
L. Roberts	Application #43A	Chapter 61A	
A&D Lanoue	Application # 44	Chapter 61A	
Milani/Young	Application #45	Chapter 61A	
Whitney-Lussier	Application#46	Chapter 61A and 61B	
W. Gardner	Application #47	Chapter 61B	Signed by SL and PW
M&R Shippee	Application #48	Chapter 61A	Signed by WG and PW
P. Curtis	Application #49	Chapter 61A	
A &A Gray	Application #50	Chapter 61A	
J. Burnett	Application #51	Chapter 61A	
Chase Homestead	Application #52	Chapter 61B	
S. Wells	Application #53	Chapter 61A	
S. Dunlap-Smith	Application #54	Chapter 61A and 61B	
C. Jerome	Application #55	Chapter 61B	
Ashfield Golf Club	Application #56	Chapter 61B	
B & S Clark	Application #57	Chapter 61A	
P. Stafilarakis	Application #58	Chapter 61B	

A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to go into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. MGL 39 S. 23 B Reason 7: To comply with provision of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.  
Reason: Exemptions **VOTE:** SL- Aye, WG- Aye, PW- Aye

A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to return to the regular meeting at 6:57 p.m.  
**VOTE:** SL- Aye, WG- Aye, PW- Aye

**Tax Classification Hearing** - The BOA joined the Select board for the Tax Classification hearing at 7 p.m. Select Board had to make a decision on whether to have a Single Tax Rate or Split Tax Rate. SL presented the Select Board with LA4 comparison's and stated that the estimated tax rate will be \$16.16. Discussion between the boards. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimous by the Select Board to have a Single Tax Rate.

**Other:**

Betty Stewart from the Water District came in with State Forms for Tax Classification Hearing on November 20, 2013. Forms signed by Board Members

Next Meeting: December 2, 2013 at 6 p.m.

A motion was made by SL and seconded by WG to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. **VOTE:** SL- Aye, WG- Aye, PW- Aye

Submitted by:  
Jennifer Morse  
November 25, 2013

Approved: December 2, 2013