

## Assessors Meeting Minutes November 21, 2016

The meeting was held on Monday November 21, 2016 and called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Donna Sarro  
Present: Donna Sarro (DS), Amy Shapiro (AS) - arrived at 6:05 p.m., George Stephan (GS), Jennifer Morse (JM)

### **Appointments**

Evelyn Vincenzo appeared before the board to discuss the late chapter application notice received by the board. Ms. Vincenzo shared her concerns and medical emergency prior to the extended deadline of October 3. The deadline was extended due to October 1 falling on a Saturday. DS explained that the board created a policy in November 2015 and sends out reminder notices in the summer. GS added that it is not just a board policy but a state mandate and that no exceptions have been granted. GS also shared that the acknowledgment is signed yearly that has the application deadline information and that it may have been past practice of the board to allow late applications but it is state law. This will effect 8 acres of Chapter 61A hay use land. The board explained to Ms. Vincenzo that it is out of their hands and that they report to the Department of Revenue when it comes to state mandated laws. JM to get contact information to Ms. Vincenzo so she can inquire at a higher level. Ms. Vincenzo left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

### **Meeting Minutes**

*A motion was made by GS and seconded by DS to approve the meeting minutes from November 14, 2016*

**VOTE: 3-0**

### **Overlay Surplus Vote**

JM shared the invoice for the Ashfield House appraisal and asked the board to release \$1800 from the excess overlay fund and seek permission of the selectboard to pay the invoice. The money will be pulled from the 2008 excess overlay account that currently has a balance of more than \$3247 with a total of \$28,553 in total excel capacity. *A motion was made by AS and seconded by GS to release \$1800 from the 2008 excess overlay account and seek permission to use the funds to pay the FSI Appraisal invoice.* **VOTE: 3-0**

### **Tax Classification Hearing**

JM shared the power point presentation with the board that she created. The numbers have not been added to the presentation since the tax rate has not been set. JM shared that the tax classification hearing may have to be continued and that the notice will be published in the 11/22/16 recorder legal ads.

### **Executive Session - Ashfield House LLC vs. Town of Ashfield**

**DS** stated “that the Board of Assessors will enter into executive session as an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on bargaining or litigation position of the public body, as allowed by M.G.L. c 30A, section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation”

**GS** made a motion that the Board of Assessors enter into Executive Session as allowed by M.G.L. c30A, section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation as an open meeting will have detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position for the public body and will reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by **AS**.

The board asked town counsel Donna MacNicol to join the executive session

**Roll Call Vote: Donna Sarro - Yes, Amy Shapiro – Yes George Stephan – Yes**

**The meeting was reconvened at 7:40 p.m.**

**Chapter Land Applications**

<b>Application #</b>	<b>Chapter Use</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	
58	Chapter 61	Miller	Multiple	145.99	Change
57	Chapter 61A	Miller	12-0-16	6...5	Change
88	Chapter 61A	Hillier	11-0-82/8-3-0-42	50.062	
87	Chapter 61A	Sears	11-0-82a	13.519	
86	Chapter 61A	Thibault	5-0-17	180	
85	Chapter 61A	Burnett	8-5-0-6	40	
86	Chapter 61A	Heddens	1-0-5	30.442	
87	Chapter 61A	Gray Trust	5-0-1/10-0-15	208.10	
88	Chapter 61A	Bacon	Multiple	114.996	

**Next Meeting**

November 28, 2016 – Tax Classification Hearing at 7 p.m.

December 5, 2016 - Regular Meeting

January 9, 2017 and January 23, 2017

***A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. VOTE: 3-0***

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer Morse

November 22, 2016

Approved: 12/6/16 Vote: 3-0