

Assessors Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2014

Meeting was held on Monday December 15, 2014 and called to order at 7 p.m. by Sandy Lilly
Present: Sandy Lilly (SL), Rick Chandler (RC), Donna Sarro (DS), Jennifer Morse (JM)

Tax Classification Hearing

A tax classification was held with the Select Board. Present from the Select Board were members Tom Carter, Ron Coler and Todd Olanyk. SL presented board members with copies of the tax rate recap, LA4 and LA13. Discussion on the tax rate and how a split rate would affect the town. RC spoke to Chapter Lands and after an error in our reporting has been fixed will supply the Select Board with a list of Chapter Values and total chapter acreage. SL presented the Select Board with a History of Tax Rate document and TC noted that the proposed rate of \$16.04 is lower than the previous year but that assessed values have risen. An audience member had questions regarding the values and how they are changed, inspections and state certification. A motion was made by Tom Carter and seconded by Ron Coler to charge the tax payers of Ashfield one set tax rate for Fiscal Year 2015. The Select Board vote was unanimous.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by SL and seconded by DS to accept as corrected the meeting minutes from December 8, 2014. **VOTE: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0**

Signatures - All documents signed by SL

Payment Voucher FCAA - Annual Meeting	\$144
Payment Voucher- Sada Systems- Computer Software	\$155.87
Payment Voucher- The Recorder - Public Disclosure	\$71.40

Old Business

Tax Rate - SL read the email from the Department of Revenue/DLS regarding the recertification and directives. They recommended the following; cyclical inspection program continuation, neighborhood review, tax maps/GIS assessment, completion of course 101 by newest board member, analyze influence adjustments. SL would like a report that shows the date each property was last inspected to track Mayflowers progress. RC would like to have a description of changes to properties from Mayflower and current trend information as well. RC talked about having educational information in the Ashfield News more often.

Gateway Signatures - All board members signed the Tax Rate Recap in Gateway. SL signed the LA5 in Gateway. JM to contact Joyce Muka regarding the discrepancy on the Tax Rate Recap and will contact Town Clerk to sign the LA5. JM will submit all forms no later than Tuesday December 16th.

CAI Online - The online manager is live and operating. JM sent notice to the Ashfield News and to the Webmaster as well as Town Hall staff. Discussion ensued on having a town wide demonstration at the Library, tabled to the next meeting for more ideas.

Chapter Land Applications- All applications signed by all board members unless otherwise noted

Name	Map/Lot	Total Acres	Classified Acres	Chapter Status
Double Edge Theater	Multiple	98.353	96.353	Chapter 61A

Other

Baptist Corner Road Letter- Letter was discussed and changes made. This letter explained the change in land value for Fiscal Year 2014 to the Baptist Corner Neighborhood. Included in the letter will be each owner's property card with the land values highlighted as well as a sample to how to review the property card. These letters will be mailed next Monday December 22nd prior to the mailing of the tax bills.

Franklin County Assessors Association Meeting on January 22, 2015 will be attended by all board members and the clerk. The agenda includes discussion on the Hawley ATB decision.

The assessor's office will be closed on Monday December 28 and Tuesday December 29 for vacation.

Next Meetings:

January 5 – ATB Hearings

January 8 - Buckland Town Hall

January 12- Regular Assessors Meeting with Executive Session

January 26 – Regular Meeting

A motion was made by SL and seconded by DS to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Unanimous

Submitted by:

Jennifer Morse

December 15, 2014

Approved 1/12/15 Vote: 3-0