

Assessors Meeting Minutes  
Executive Session  
February 5, 2015

Meeting was held on Thursday February, 2015 and called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Sandy Lilly  
Present: Sandy Lilly (SL), Rick Chandler (RC), Donna Sarro (DS), Jennifer Morse (JM)

**Exemption**

Application #17 A motion was made by SL and seconded by RC to grant the veteran exemption in the amount of \$400. **Roll Call Vote: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0**

**Denial Notices**

Denial Notices for abatement application # 1 and #2 were signed by all board members and will be mailed with letter of explanation. Land Values across the board went up for FY15 and this will be explained in the letter that values are based on comparable sales.

**Abatements**

Abatement #3 - Tabled- Mayflower inspection

Abatement #4 - Tabled – Mayflower inspection

Abatement #5 - Tabled to next meeting. JM is waiting for supporting documents from the Town of Ashfield and the Town of Colrain.

Abatement #6 – A motion was made by SL and seconded by DS to deny the abatement request. Reason is that yard item values and land values went up across the board. **Roll Call Vote: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0**

JM gave all the members of the board a copy of the FY15 Land Narrative (Document #1) and Shared the Yard Item Document (Document #2)

Abatement #7 – A motion was made by RC and seconded by SL to deny the abatement request. Reason is that land values went up across the board. **Roll Call Vote: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0**

Abatement #8 – Tabled - SL will verify that yard item has been removed before moving forward

Abatement #9 – Tabled - JM will pose the question of mapping to Cartographics for clarification before moving forward.

Abatement #10 – A motion was made by DS and seconded by RC to deny the abatement request. Reason is that land values went up across the board, comparison to neighbors land cannot be used until sale of the land and the averaging comparable sales. **Roll Call Vote: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0**

Abatement #11 - A motion was made by RC and seconded by DS to deny the abatement request. Reason is that land values went up across the board, land cannot be compared to neighbor's property which is in Chapter 61B status for FY15. **Roll Call Vote: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0**

Abatement #12 - A motion was made by DS and seconded by SL to deny the abatement request. Reasons is that land values went up across the board. **Roll Call Vote: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0**

Abatement # 13 – Tabled – JM will contact Mayflower for re-assessment of the property after the recent ATB decision.

Abatement #14- Tabled - JM will contact the property owner to discuss the fact that Yard Items went up across the board. Property owner had a complete inspection of all yard items and adjustments in FY14. JM will invite the property owner to a future meeting if they so desire as requested.

Abatement #15 - Tabled - JM will have Mayflower conduct another personal property inspection and will seek explanation from Sam about how the values are created within Patriot.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by SL and seconded by RC to adjourn the executive session meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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

**All documents used in this meeting are confidential and not open to public inspection with the exception of Document #1 and Document #2**

Submitted by:  
Jennifer Morse  
February 10, 2015

Approved: 2/17/15 Vote: 3-0