

Assessors Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2014

Meeting was held on Monday March 3, 2014 and called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sandy Lilly
Present: Sandy Lilly (SL), Peter Wiitanen (PW), Wayne Gardner (WG), Jennifer Morse (JM)
Audience: Rick Chandler

Appointments: None

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from January 24, 2014 were reviewed by the Board at the request of an email to the board members. After the review and discussion of the context the minutes will remain as voted.

A motion was made by *PW* and seconded by *SL* to accept the meeting minutes from February 17, 2014. **VOTE:**
SL- Aye, PW- Aye

Signatures: All Documents signed by SL and PW unless otherwise noted

Real Estate/Personal Property Monthly List– February 2014 for Levy Year 2014

Motor Vehicle Monthly List - February 2014 for Levy Year 2013 & 2014

2014 Tax Map Maintenance Contract

Payment Voucher - Jenn Morse Postage \$3.43 *Signed by SL*

Old Business:

Meeting Review - Ryan Johnson and Mayflower: The meeting was held on February 26, 2014 with SL and JM in attendance from the Board of Assessors, Ryan Johnson from the DOR, Duane Adams and Samuel Konieczny from Mayflower. Duane was able to provide Mr. Johnson with needed documents and answered questions regarding the makeup of Ashfield's tax rate. Dates for the Revaluation Workplan were set, most of the field work will be handled by Mayflower.

Chapter Land Applications: *Applications signed by SL and PW unless otherwise noted*

Walter & Susan Cudnohufsky 7-0-71 Chapter 61A

Janet Clark & Nort Salz 7-0-7 Chapter 61A

Hall Family Trust 4-0-64 & 4-0-67 Chapter 61A

New Business:

298 Briar Hill Road- A question came in about the building value over the past several years having dropped each year. An inspection was conducted in 2012 which lowered the value during that time. During review it was noted that the land value had dropped significantly as well in 2014. PW printed a Land Valuation report and found that the numbers had been changed in certain sections to bring the land values down. JM to contact Duane to find out how this happened, the impact and how it will be rectified. Discussion led into the Yard Items and the boards feeling that they are overpriced as well. JM to bring that to the attention of Duane as well.

Second Homeowner Form of List- The Board extended the deadline for Second Homeowner Form of Lists to April 15, 2014. Personal Property is one of the areas that the DOR will be reviewing in the revaluation year.

CAI Map and Response- CAI sent a response to GIS questions that PW had raised and sent a map back from 2009 for rectification. JM to look at deeds to see if 4-0-10 and 4-0-12A had been combined by a deed. PW to look over GIS rectification documents.

Abatements: All Abatements signed by SL and PW unless otherwise noted

3-2014 The Board of Assessors granted this abatement due to a clerical error
6-2014 The Board of Assessors granted this abatement due to revaluation after inspection on 2/26/14
13-2014 The Board of Assessors granted this abatement due to revaluation after inspection on 3/3/14
12-2014 The Board of Assessors granted this abatement due to change in use – form of list
9-2014 The Board rescinded the granted vote of February 17, 2014 and denied this abatement due to the property being sold in November 2013 and the property was assessed as of 1/1/2013.
1-2014 The Board of Assessors denied this abatement after reviewed by Mayflower
10-2014 The Board of Assessors denied this abatement after inspection on 2/26/14
4-2014 The Board of Assessors denied this abatement after reviewed by Mayflower

Other:

Rick Chandler stopped by the meeting with a Limited Power of Attorney Document which was signed by Rick Chandler, Sandy Lilly and Witnessed by Peter Wiitanen. JM notarized the document which will give Sandy Lilly the power to sign Rick Chandlers name on nomination papers at caucus. Rick has agreed to run for the vacant one year slot left by Peter Wittanen.

Motor Vehicle Exemption - JM brought forth a motor vehicle exemption for a Veteran after review of the exemptions the board agreed to abate the motor vehicle tax.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2014 at 6 p.m.

A motion was made by SL and seconded by PW to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. to enter into Executive Session and not to return to the regular meeting. VOTE: SL – Aye, PW- Aye
Reason for Executive Session: MGL 39 Section 23B Number 7 - Exemptions

Submitted by:
Jennifer Morse
March 4, 2014