

Assessors Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2015

Meeting was held on Monday April 6, 2015 and called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sandy Lilly
Present: Sandy Lilly (SL), Rick Chandler (RC), Donna Sarro (DS), Jennifer Morse (JM)
Audience: Amy Shapiro

Appointments:

Howard Streeter – Mr. Streeter approached the Board regarding the value of his UCN (overhang) on his home... Mr. Streeter wanted to know if any members of the board had seen the structure. SL stated that she was familiar with the layout of the UCN. Mr. Streeter gave a description of the structure to the board. JM contacted the Town of Buckland who also uses Mayflower for appraisals and the Town of Colrain who does its own appraisals. This was done for comparisons. RC explained what typically happens when the BOA goes on an inspection- that is to verify that Mayflower has not made a mistake. In this situation there does not seem to be a huge difference in the values between the comparison towns and Ashfield.

Minutes

A motion was made by RC and seconded by DS to accept the minutes from March 16, 2015. **VOTE: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS- Aye 3-0**

Signatures – All documents signed by all members unless otherwise noted

Motor Vehicle Commitment 2 – Levy Year 2015
Motor Vehicle Monthly List March 2015 – Levy Year 2015
Monthly List Water District October 2014 – Levy Year 2012
Monthly List Real Estate March 2015 – Levy Year 2015
Monthly List Water District March 2015 – Levy Year 2015
Payment Voucher – FCAA Annual Dues \$15.00

Signed by SL

Old Business

Email from Franco regarding estimate - JM reviewed the email from Franco stating that the cost for Ashfield's portion for the town line map work would be between \$1500- \$3500. The statement about extra fees for more services in the email was a response to Pam in Buckland, it did not involve Ashfield.

Ashfield House LLC Update - JM sent the Income and Expense forms to Robin Sherman and followed up with a phone call. The deadline for these documents is April 20, 2015, a decision on the abatement will be tabled to that time.

Conservation Land Documents- Board reviewed the documents and had no comments.

New Business

Forest Management Plan – Crowningshield - Plan was reviewed by the Board. Land is classified for Chapter 61A status.

Motor Vehicle Abatement – Board reviewed and denied the motor vehicle abatement. Reason for abatement was that the vehicle was not owned by the property owner but by a leasing corporation which already applied for and was granted an abatement.

Other Business

SL stated that she attended the Budget Hearing with the Selectboard and the Finance Committee.

SL presented the MAAO ballot to the Board. No one will be voting on behalf of the board this term.

JM informed the BOA that Laura Blakesley will be out of the office for several weeks while she recuperates from knee surgery and sends her well wishes.

SL thanked Amy Shapiro for stepping up to the plate to run for Assessor this year. Amy received special permission from the Department of Revenue to take Course 101 with Donna this spring before she is elected.

Next Meetings:

April 20, 2014 - Regular Meeting with Executive Session

A motion was made by SL and seconded by RC to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:50p.m. and enter into executive session – reasoning: exemptions and abatements, and not to return to the regular meeting. **Roll Call**

Vote: SL- Aye, RC- Aye, DS – Aye 3-0

Submitted:

Jennifer Morse (Assessors Clerk)

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Approved: April 23, 2015 Vote 3-0