

Assessors Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2016

The meeting was held on Tuesday May 31, 2016 and called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Donna Sarro.

Present: Donna Sarro (DS), Amy Shapiro (AS), George Stephan (GS), Jennifer Morse (JM), Donna MacNicol, Todd Olynyk, Kayce Warren

Executive Session – Appellate Tax Board Hearings- Ashfield House vs. Board of Assessors, Luce/Glover vs. Board of Assessors, Verizon vs. Commissioner of Revenue and Various Cities and Town including Ashfield.

DS stated “That the Board of Assessors will enter into executive session as an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the 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”

AS 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 litigation position of the public body and will reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by GS. Roll Call Vote: Donna Sarro – Yes, Amy Shapiro – Yes, George Stephan – Yes. 3-0

Donna MacNicol town attorney, Todd Olynyk- Selectboard chair and Kayce Warren – Interim Town Administrator were invited to participate in the executive session.

Executive Session was adjourned on a motion by DS and seconded by GS at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened in open session.

Omitted and Revised Warrant to Collector and Abatement

When the current owner of 349 Norton Hill Rd purchased the property the deed show two parcels. The current owner explained that she only purchased the one parcel and the second parcel belonged to a neighbor. After researching the Registry of Deeds, JM found the second property transfer and made the corrections.

Omitted Warrant to the collector for FY16 taxes was signed by all board members

Abatement was signed by all board members

Motor Vehicle Warrants – Signed by all board members unless otherwise noted

Commitment #3

Commitment #99 - Farm Plate Excise

Property Value Changes

Building permit inspections changed the value of two properties significantly. The property cards were reviewed and will be sent to the owners with a letter of explanation. DS suggested that board members go on inspections with Mayflower to see the process. JM will coordinate dates with Mayflower.

Other

DS requested a list of Board of Assessors contracts with financial information.

TAP Enrollment Meeting with Selectboard

The Board of Assessors joined the Selectboard meeting at 8 p.m. to discuss the enrollment in the TAP (taxpayer's assistance program) with the DOR. JM shared the information with the Selectboard after discussion it was agreed that all departments are on board with the plan to set the tax rate by the end of October for fiscal year 2017.

The Board of Assessors meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted:

Jennifer Morse – Assessors Clerk

June 1, 2016

Approved: 6/13/16 Vote - 2-0