

Assessors Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2015

Meeting was held on Monday August 3, 2015 and called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sandy Lilly
Present: Sandy Lilly (SL), Donna Sarro (DS), Amy Shapiro (AS), Jennifer Morse (JM)

Minutes

A motion was made by SL and seconded by DS to accept the minutes of July 6, 2015.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

Signatures – All documents signed by all board members unless otherwise noted

- Apportioned Tax - Pichette & Eddy Estate - In 2007 Chapter 61 lands were combined in many cases without the owner being contacted and made aware of the change. Mr. Eddy granted by deed a piece of his land (Map 11 Lot 81) to the Pichette's unaware that the land was combined and the lot closed. When the deed was entered it read Map 11 Lot 82 it was assumed that the Pichette's were granted the full amount. JM split the lots out accordingly and returned them to the 2007 status. The land granted will remain in Chapter 61 status and the apportioned tax bill was issued to the two current owners for the two separate parcels.

- Monthly List Motor Vehicle July 2015 Levy Year 2015
- Monthly List Real Estate/Personal Property July 2015 Levy Year 2016
- Motor Vehicle Warrant to Collector - Commitment #4
- Chapter Land Lien - Map 2 Lot 52
- Payment Voucher - CAI Technologies - \$475 Signed by SL
- Payment Voucher – MAAO Dues - \$100 Signed by SL
- Payment Voucher – MAAO Clerk Conference - \$40 September 24, 2015 Signed by SL

- Rollback Tax – Edgehill Golf Course - 2 Acres removed from Chapter 61B Mr. Graves requested the rollback tax certificate and may be removing 2 acres of his Chapter 61B land to install solar panels.

Old Business

- Ashfield/Buckland Town Line - The draft letter created by the Buckland Board of Assessors was read aloud. Minor revisions were made to the letter and will be sent to the Buckland board for review. JM will be meeting with Pam Guyette from Buckland to distribute the letter to the property owners. Two houses are affected by the changes and one shop. The remainder of the changes are minor acreage changes. JM shared that acreage changes are made all the time when land surveys are registered. The Fire Department, Emergency Management Director, Tax Collector and Town Clerk have all been made aware of the situation so changes can be made.

New Business

- Forest Cutting Plan – Lenny Roberts Reviewed

- 2015 Boat Excise - A motion was made by AS and seconded by DS to not tax boats for fiscal year 2015 based on prior practice. **VOTE: SL- Abstained, DS- Aye, AS- Aye 2-0-1**

- Letter from Geraldine Lemon - Letter dated July 22, 2015 raised the property owners concerns that her land on John Ford Road was assessed too high according to her realtor. JM to send a letter to Ms. Lemon explaining that land values are based on comparable sales. The letter will include the property card for her parcel and a parcel similar for comparison.
- Letter from David Newell regarding Single Family Tax Rate – Letter dated July 15, 2015 regarding the FY15 average family tax bills was read by SL. Discussion on the report and the factors of districts for other towns was discussed. The board felt that it gave good information.
- Request from MAAO regarding H. 3665- A request from the MAAO asking boards to write a letter regarding bill 3665 – Public Documents bill was reviewed. Letters were signed and sent to Representative Kulik and Senator Downing sharing the following concerns and impact that H. 3665 would have on municipal government:
 - The bill, as drafted, has record requests response timeframes required that many communities don't have the resource or staff to address.
 - The bill fails to cover the cost of fulfilling the records request.
 - It will impose a large burden on our offices, in particular the smaller offices in the western part of the state including Ashfield.

Chapter Land Applications- Signed by All Board Members unless otherwise noted

Application #1	Robert Jonas	230.30 acres	274 Phillips Road	Chapter 61B
Application #2	Kyla Allon	16 acres	Baptist Corner Rd	Chapter 61A

Next Meeting

Tuesday August 18, 2015 at 6 p.m.

A motion was made by SL and seconded by DS to go into Executive Session to discuss exemptions and litigation and not to return to the Regular meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE: SL- Aye, DS- Aye, AS- Aye 3-0 .

Submitted:

Jennifer Morse -Assessors Clerk

August 4, 2015

Document List

1. Minutes July 6, 2015
2. Apportioned Tax Bill – Pichette/Eddy Estate
3. Monthly List MV July 2015
4. Monthly List PP/RE July 2015
5. Warrant to collector – commitment #4
6. Chapter Land Lien – Map 2 Lot 52
7. Payment Voucher – CAI Technologies
8. Payment Voucher – MAAO
9. Payment Voucher – MAAO
10. Rollback Tax – Edgehill Golf Course
11. Draft Letter to owners Ashfield/Buckland Town Line
12. Forest Cutting Plan – Roberts – Dyer Road
13. Letter Geraldine Lemon re. land values
14. Chapter Land Application – Jonas

15. Chapter Land Application
16. Letter David Newell re. Single Family Tax Rate
17. Request from MAAO regarding H. 3665 Public Documents Bill
18. Letter from Assessors to Senator & Representative regarding Public Documents Bill

Approved: 8/18/15