

Board of Assessors Meeting  
Thursday, January 8, 2009 @ 7:15pm  
Meier Room, Abington Town Hall

Assessors Present: Paul Zakrzewski, Chairman  
Michael Cunningham  
Tracey Derbes

Also Present: Jack Pistorino, Deputy Assessor  
Jodie Hurst, Recorder

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Minutes:

**VOTED: Motion of Michael Cunningham, seconded by Tracey Derbes, to approve the Minutes of November 6, 2008. Unanimous Vote.**

**VOTED: Motion of Tracey Derbes, seconded by Michael Cunningham, to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2008. Unanimous Vote.**

**Corrections to the December 4, 2008 Minutes. Regarding the Clause 18 & the spelling of Mr. Kourafas' name.**

**VOTED: Motion of Michael Cunningham, seconded by Paul Zakrzewski to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2008 as amended.**

**2-0-1 vote, Tracey Derbes Abstained.**

Motor Vehicle abatements were signed.

**VOTED: Motion of Tracey Derbes to discontinue using a tape-recorder, unless there is a 'controversial' meeting. Seconded by Michael Cunningham. Unanimous Vote.**

**VOTED: Motion of Tracey Derbes to destroy tapes from meetings, where the minutes have already been approved. Seconded by Michael Cunningham. Unanimous Vote.**

The End-of-month reports for Real Estate and Personal Property were signed.

The End of Year Commitment form (State Form 54) was signed.

The 'Assessor Notices' were signed and are to be posted at the Town Hall, The Post Office, and Trucchi's.

Exemptions were reviewed and acted upon. One Clause 18 exemption was denied, all other exemptions presented at the meeting were approved.

Discussion ensued regarding several Personal Property bills that have come back from the Post Office as undeliverable. These bills were investigated and found to be addressed to companies that have gone out of business. These bills were abated, and will be purged from the system.

Discussion ensued regarding the average Taxpayer's response to the tax bill increase, as well as the Office's handling of such inquiries.

The Tax Recap & Tax Rate Approval documents from DOR were given to the Board.

The Board discussed several ATB cases that are coming up:

- Paul Zakrzewski suggested that the Deputy Assessor call the Buckleys (33 Colonel Hunt Dr) to try and come to an agreement before the scheduled date of the informal hearing.
- The Deputy Assessor informed the Board that several of the cases were postponed until February and March.

The calendar of Monthly BOA Meetings was handed out and accepted.

The Plymouth County Assessors Association report was given to the Board.

The Deputy Assessor congratulated Tracey Derbes and Michael Cunningham for passing the Assessors 101 course.

The Deputy Assessor indicated that a representative from DOR would be coming later in the month, for a start-up meeting regarding our Fiscal 2010 Reval.

The Deputy Assessor & Joe Shea will be going to the MAAO Winter Meeting on 1/22/09.

Discussion ensued on how the Board would like Real Estate Abatements presented. For data corrections, the Board will discuss each abatement at the meeting. For more controversial issues, the Board would like all information and supporting documents before the meeting, so they are up to speed and on the same page at the meeting.

The monthly Overlay was discussed.

**VOTED: Motion of Michael Cunningham, seconded by Tracey Derbes to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote.**

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.