

BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
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**MINUTES AUGUST 24, 2010**

The meeting opened at. 2:30 p.m.

Present: Joseph Niro

Joseph Arcudi

Priscilla Hogan, Clerk

Absent: Samuel Bonasoro, Chair

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion made by Joseph Arcudi and seconded by Joseph Niro to accept the minutes of July 20, 2010 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Priscilla notified the board of the upcoming Appellate Tax Board dates: one case on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Boston, one case on Sept 20, 2010 in Boston, 10 cases scheduled for Sept 21, 2010 in Milford, (Priscilla has filed motions to have two dismissed for jurisdictional reasons, not filed timely) One case scheduled for Sept 27, 2010 Boston. Joseph Arcudi would like to attend these court appearances. A motion made by Joseph Niro and seconded by Joseph Arcudi to hire Attorney Kenneth Gurge to represent us at the hearing in Boston for the Kohl's property and also for other cases that may need representation either at the Appellate Tax Board or for negotiations as the budget allows. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board was notified that the next Town Meeting will be October 25, 2010.

A discussion was held on storage space, especially with the new public meeting laws and what needs to be retained. Joseph Arcudi mentioned looking into Iron Mountain. Priscilla will check with Town Accountant, John Pyne, to see what his costs are to use this service. Then the Board would like Priscilla to send a memo to the Selectmen and Finance Committee regarding the cost of storing permanent records and the issue of space for retention of records with the new public meeting laws.

The Board reviewed the memo from the Board of Selectmen regarding earning additional personal leave for not using 3 sick days in a year. The only person in our office that earned an additional day was Rui Pereira.



The Board reviewed the Personnel Memo regarding the Fiscal 2011 reorganization.

The Board reviewed the e-mail from the clerk of the Personnel Board. She has scheduled the Board of Assessors for 7:00 p.m. on September 22, 2010 to discuss the Job description for the Boards Clerk.

A motion was made by Joseph Arcudi and seconded by Joseph Niro to accept the description of the Board of Assessors Clerks position as written by Priscilla. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board was sad to receive the resignation letter from Mark Tomaso for the Data Collector/Lister Position. A motion was made by Joseph Arcudi and seconded by Joseph Niro to accept his resignation. Priscilla will type a letter of thanks to Mark. There was discussion about how to re-organize the office if needed. The Board decided to wait until the Chairman returns for further discussion

A discussion was held on making a settlement for FY2010 for parcel 41-0-416. After review of the total file Joseph Arudi made a motion to settle with the tax payer an ATB case by reducing the value from \$3,091,100 to \$2,500,000 and the tax payer agreed to waive the interest on the abatement. The reason for the reduction in value was the building has a large vacancy that needed to be taken into consideration. Joseph Niro seconded the motion and the settlement offer was approved unanimously.

A discussion was held on making a settlement for FY2010 for Parcel 53-0-21. After review of the total file Joseph Arcudi made a motion to settle with the tax payer the ATB case by reducing the value from \$787,400 to \$195,700. The taxpayer agreed to waive the interest in this settlement. The reason is the entire parcel is wet land and unbuildable. Joseph Niro seconded the motion and the settlement offer was approved unanimously.

After review of the application a motion was made by Joseph Arcudi and seconded by Joseph Niro to deny the FY2011 Real Estate Application for Abatement 13-0-33 as the building will be removed for the actual tax bill. This abatement was for a fire that took place on 8/13/2010. Motion passed unanimously.

Personal Property Acct #002187 - After review of the file it was found that the tax payer did state on their Form of List for FY 2010 that they were out of business. (Clerical error) Motion made by Joseph Arcudi and seconded by Joseph Niro to abate the FY 2010 personal property tax bill under Chapter 58 Section 8. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the paper work submitted for a Veteran's exemption for 41-0-340 and found that the applicant is no longer the owner of the property and no longer qualifies for the exemption. Joseph Arcudi made a motion to deny the exemption and Joseph Niro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



The Board reviewed the attached FY2011 Blind Exemption applications Motion made by Joseph Arcudi and seconded by Joseph Niro to sign and approve the spreadsheet dated 8/24/2010 listing the 8 applications. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the attached FY 2011 Veteran Exemption applications for the small 22's. Motion made by Joseph Arcudi and seconded by Joseph Niro to sign and approve the spreadsheet dated 8/24/2010 listing the 91 applications. Motion passed unanimously.

49-0-66- Reviewed all submitted paperwork for a FY2011 Senior Exemption and found the applicant is over the allowed income limits set by Mass General Law. Joseph Arcudi made a motion to deny the application and it was seconded by Joseph Niro. Motion passed unanimously.

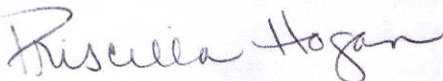
The Board reviewed the attached FY2011 Senior Exemption applications. Motion made by Joseph Arcudi and seconded by Josep Niro to approve the spreadsheet dated 8/24/2010 listing 6 applications. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the attached FY 2010 Veteran 22E applications. Motion made by Joseph Arcudi and seconded by Joseph Niro to approve the spreadsheet dated 8/24/2010 listing 5 applications. Motion passed unanimously.

Our next meeting will be scheduled for September 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Joseph Arcudi to adjourn at 4:40 p.m., seconded by Joseph Niro. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla Hogan,  
Clerk

Cc: Selectmen

