

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**April 29, 2015**

**Minutes of Assessors Meeting**

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The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm. Chairman Callahan, Clerk Cornellier, Member Bresnahan, Assessing Administrator Hogan and Assessing Department Assistant Jacquelyn Guthrie were present.

Member Bresnahan made a motion to amend the agenda to include the reorganization of the Board. A motion was made, seconded, and approved 3-0 by the Board to accept the agenda as amended.

Member Bresnahan made a motion to vote for Callahan to remain as Chairman. Clerk Cornellier seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Member Bresnahan made a motion to vote for Cornellier to remain as Clerk. Chairman Callahan seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

The Board of Assessors read the minutes of 4/1/2015. A motion was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0 to accept the minutes as amended.

Assessing Administrator Hogan presented the Board with the Fiscal Year 2016 Assessing Department Budget. Mr. Hogan informed the Board that the final budget is essentially what was submitted by the Board. This budget reflects a total increase of 1.63% over FY2016.

At 2:46pm, in accordance with MGL Chapter 59 Section 60, Member Bresnahan called for a motion to go into Executive Session to read the minutes of the April 1, 2015 Executive Session and to discuss 11 FY2015 Real Estate Abatements Applications, 1 FY2015 Personal Property Abatement Application, and 1 FY2015 Community Preservation Act Surcharge Exemption Application. The motion was seconded by Clerk Cornellier. Vote: Clerk Cornellier: Aye; Member Bresnahan: Aye; Chairman Callahan: Aye. Motion passes by a vote of 3-0. Open Session will reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

At 3:15pm, the Board reconvened into Open Session.

**Old Business:**

Assessing Administrator Hogan presented the Board with an Appellate Tax Board withdrawal for a 2014 case involving the personal property bill for Nashoba Valley Medical Center at 200 Groton Road, account number 104200. The notice was received by the Town of Ayer Assessor's Office April 21, 2015.

**New Business:**

Assessing Administrator Hogan presented the Board with a request for documents letter dated March 31, 2015 from the Arvidson Family Trust, Clayton Arvidson Trustee. Mr. Arvidson has requested "A copy of detailed taxed accounts where there was an abatement of tax or interest or charges for the years 1995-2015". Assessor Hogan advised the Board that he complied with the request as required by statute.

Assessing Administrator Hogan presented the Board with an article from a recent City and Town magazine that provides updated information on the taxable status of affordable housing projects. Mr. Hogan suggested to the Board that he re-examine the taxable status of the property at 62 Pleasant Street. Clerk Cornellier made a motion to direct Mr. Hogan to research the issue and report his findings back to the Board. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Susan Copeland notified the Assessing Administrator Hogan that Chairman Callahan is due to complete the State's On-line Ethics Training.

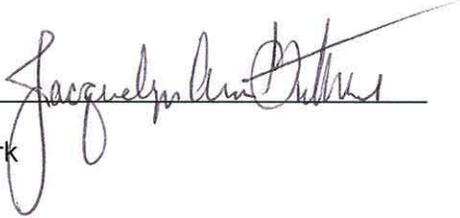
Assessing Administrator Hogan informed the Board that he will be attending an IAAO seminar on the Valuation of Contaminated Property in Cambridge on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Assessing Administrator Hogan informed the Board that he will be attending the MAAO Summer Conference starting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0 to adjourn at 4:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clerk

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