

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
July 28, 2008

Attending: Diane Lanney, John Prentiss

Signed three copies of Cartographic CY2008 Mapping Contract.
- Maps for Spring 2009. *DA sent to SB for approval.

DA reviewed with BOA her July 23, 2008 meeting with Ed Blanchard, Fin Com liaison to BOA. Ms. Lanney was not aware of Mr. Blanchard's ATB filing until he presented her with his 3/21/08 recorded petition following the meeting.

This presented two situations: possible conflict as Mr. Blanchard is Fin Com liaison (see next paragraph) and his neglect to file the petition (as outlined by the ATB at the time of the petition recording) for a full four months. DA will research consequences of this action. At a minimum, the BOA will most likely need to request a continuance. Ms. Lanney and Mr. Prentiss will submit a request to Mark Dymek, Fin Com Chair, that Mr. Blanchard not be the Fin Com liaison until all his personal business with the BOA is finalized. *DA to confer with Mr. Ritchie

Reviewed copy of letter received from the Town Clerk from Ed Blanchard regarding a State Ethics verbal opinion he received on his role as Fin Com liaison to BOA with an ATB pending. This is OK, however, the "appearance" is at issue.

Approved June 30, 2008 meeting minutes.

Reviewed sample letter provided by the MAAO that does not support a current House Bill that would exempt low income seniors from tax increases due to a Proposition 2 ½ override. BOA agrees to send to Senator Brewer and State Representative Evangelidis.

Entered Executive Session with intent to return to Open Session.

Executive Session meeting minutes separate.

Returned to Open Session.

Mr. Fletcher, property owner, and Mr. Geagan, his advisor, joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m. to discuss Mr. Fletcher's two Abatement filings.

The DA stated the process the BOA follows, with the next step being a BOA Executive Session to review all documents received. Most likely the BOA will then contact the Planning Board for input, request any additional documents from and schedule a property inspection with the property owner.

Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Geagan left the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

DL/sg