

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
February 9, 2009

Attending: John Prentiss, Chairman, Vincent Ritchie, Diane Lanney

Approved FY10 Reval Contract with Vision Appraisal Technology. Discussion regarding the data entry, which is always listed separately due to the fact that it is not done in-house, increasing resources needed by this office. The DA figured in-house cost at about \$2,700.00, saving \$300 plus costs associated with sending, non-access to, and returning the data. The FY07 Reval was done in this manner. The DA believes payments were made directly from the Property Update Account. *The DA will go back to the FY07 expenditures, speak with the Town Accountant, and other Assessors' Offices, and contact the DOR. At minimum, a Town meeting article to transfer the funds from Property Update to DA wages.

Reviewed FY10 Budget as developed by DA. Overall decrease of 2.78%.

- Hours increase required to manage the FY10 Reval and PP Full Measure and List

Discussed Gravel bylaw. Per prior discussions the DA and Planning Board Chair had specifically regarding the Building Commissioner's statements to not enforce the graveling bylaws. If this is truly the case, it is a waste of resources not only for the Planning Board to carry out the new graveling bylaw permitting, but also the Assessors resources attributed to assessments of sand and gravel operations, as they rely heavily on the expertise of those more familiar with the operations (Ad Hoc Earth Removal Committee, Bill Murray, Engineer and the Planning Board). *Vin, as Planning Board Chair, will invite the Building Commissioner to the next Planning Board meeting and update the Assessors.

Property owner Jeff Hakala entered the meeting to discuss the gravel location and affected acreage per unrecorded survey dated July 12, 2008 and the BOA's subsequent decision of abatement. It was agreed that there is no gravel under 900/902 area and the DA will recalculate the acreage of the available gravel area with inclusion of 75-foot buffer west of the gravel location. Also agreed the change would be effective for FY10, and the original FY08 Revised Abatement decision will stand.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

