

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
July 13, 2009

Attending: John Prentiss, Chairman, Diane Lanney

Reviewed FY10 Sales Report; nothing surprising. Approximately \$25 to \$30k drop in residential sales prices compared to FY09 values. No drop in commercial. There are a couple of sales that need more investigation.

Approved June 29, 2009 meeting minutes.

Waited until 8:00 p.m. for Mr. Ritchie who was detained. Decided to move forward with the agenda.

Property owner Ed Blanchard appointment at 7:45 p.m.

Requesting what we would like to do about his FY09 Deemed Denied Notice for his FY09 Real Estate Abatement. Mr. Blanchard was reminded that his rights are outlined on the Notice. Mr. Prentiss stated the assessment is fair and equitable; therefore the BOA will hire two additional appraisers, as Mr. Blanchard is still aggrieved. Mr. Blanchard inquired as to what that would cost. Mr. Prentiss stated that at this juncture it must be done. Mr. Blanchard stated he will see us at the Appellate Tax Board.

Mr. Blanchard exited the meeting.

Mrs. Lanney stated that it is the job of this Board to produce fair, equitable assessments for all properties. We have done that via DOR certification of values. However, if Mr. Blanchard does not believe so, then the BOA must then provide additional supporting evidence/documentation which comes at a cost.

Approved DA Wage Authorization at corrected FY09 Compensation Plan, Grade 11, Step 2 amount.

Reviewed letter to Town Administrator from Mr. Blanchard requesting four specific items/costs directly related to his FY07 Real Estate ATB appeal; 1- all legal bills, 2- itemized legal expenses, 3- employee hours, 4- travel and entertainment expenses. The DA has contacted legal council. The first two are not yet public record as the Facts of Finding are still pending and have not yet been reviewed, therefore, the matter has not yet been closed/resolved. There are no such records for number three and a copy of the voucher in the amount of \$63.83 has been made, the only relevant expenses, and will be forwarded to Mr. Blanchard with a cover letter/email.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for July 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.