

MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
July 27, 2009

Attending: Vincent Ritchie, Diane Lanney

Reviewed Building Inspector's response to BOA's request to be kept abreast of changes regarding Pinecrest Final Determination.

DA updated BOA on her discussion with Building Inspector regarding his inspection of Mattson property on Mechanic Street. He will review all the details again, and contact the BOA prior to contacting the property owner.

Approved June 1, 2009 and June 22, 2009 meeting minutes.

DA presented Selectboard meeting minutes draft excerpt regarding denial of DA Wage Authorization for FY10. The Town Administrator stated to the SB that the DA position is not hourly but salaried. Per our 2004-accepted Personnel Policy and Procedures, there are no salaried positions (except contractual), all are based on the Compensation Plan all hourly-based amounts; by Grade and Step. DA sent copy of pages two and three of Manual to SB Secretary to present at next SB meeting. SB states no funding as reason for their denial. Fin Com had approved a Reserve Fund Transfer Request at their July 8, 2009 meeting and rescinded that amended approval at their July 15, 2009 meeting. The DA sent an email to Fin Com Chair for meeting minutes, no response; therefore, we have no information on why the Transfer Request was denied. \*DA will send another email to allow for review of Fin Com meeting minutes at next meeting.

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Entered into Executive Session to review Chapter Applications with intent to return to open session.

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Reviewed DOR Notice of Non-Revision of SOL Valuations 2009. DA has communicated and will meet with, on August 6, 2009, legal council and confirmed an ATB Appeal will be filed on or before the August 10, 2009 deadline.

Discussed emails of past week between Tax Collector, DA, and SB member Kristie Casey with regard to Tax Collector's "policy" to not allow Motor Vehicle abatements pre-billing (no bills would be sent out) for perpetual, qualified persons. The DA had discussed a possible change to this policy for several years with the Tax Collector, unsuccessful. However, her decision came under scrutiny again with a townsperson new last year. The Tax Collector has today agreed to accept abatements pre-billing for motor vehicle excise tax. The DA reviewed all CY2008 and CY2009 abatement records and all those that would qualify for this new process have already received bills and abatements. Therefore, the DA will implement the new process beginning November 2008 for the CY2010 Excise Tax Bills.

Briefly discussed the possible Solar Farm on Pitcherville Road land. There has been no filing of a special permit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for August 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.