

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
October 26, 2009

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

Approved second Reserve Fund Transfer Request for \$124.67 to correct FY10 Budget calculation error of DA wages.

Approved September 14, 2009 meeting minutes.

Course 101 offering in November presented to Vin.

Reviewed Laitinen Chapter Rollback. Approved DA's response to SB not recommending the Town exercise their First Right of Refusal.

DA provided copies of Financial Management Review issued by DOR earlier this month and email correspondence with Scot Keefe (DOR auditor) regarding items in the Report pertinent to BOA.

Solar farm appraisal; review of Special Permit documents submitted will wait as Planning Board is awaiting a legal opinion regarding Special Permit requirements. They are moving forward with hearing.

FY'10 Reval. Field Review is complete, data entry has begun by DA. I & E's will be sent to Vision the end of this week (good number returned and good number complete). *DA can provide percentages for future meeting. All improvements new/change with no Building Permit on file being noted and sent to Building Department with address and brief description of improvement. No final DOR 'word' on percentage of real estate being required for personal property value as previously recommended.

New Growth to date is \$56,492.34, FY'10 Budget estimate was \$30,000. *DA will update SB & Fin Comm regularly from this point on.

Values down approximately \$30,000 on average, at 93-95% of full market, where usually we are at 95-98% of full market. Due to lack of number of 2008 sales, required to also use 2007 sales. In preparation for FY'11, 93-95% is appropriate due to the fact that lack of the number of 2009 sales will require use of 2008 sales and 2009 sales for FY'11 Interim.

Reviewed and approved December 10, 2009 STM warrant articles as developed and submitted by the DA.

Discussed a joint Planning Board and BOA correspondence from Maryanne Reynolds regarding Map 1, Parcel 72 off Selfridge Lane. Planning Board is awaiting legal opinion from Town Counsel and will keep the BOA updated.

Discussed again the street number assignment of Ed Blanchard's Comet Pond property per early October correspondence between Planning Board and DA. BOA, again, agreed the number set in April 2005 is to remain. Vin recused himself from this discussion, as the Planning Board Chair.

Overlay: Due to ATB budget cuts, none of our FY'09 cases have been resolved; none have a hearing date yet. Therefore, need to increase FY'10 Overlay from \$50k to \$157k, recommended by the DA. BOA approved the amount. *DA will update SB and Fin Comm.

Entered into Executive Session to approve meeting minutes and discuss ATB filings with intent to return to open session to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.