



***Board of Assessors***  
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Minutes of the Board of Assessors' Meeting held on **July 30, 2012** in the Assessors' Office located in the Library Basement.

Members Present: John Prentiss (Chair), Kurt Leslie (Member), Al Afonso (Member), Harald Scheid (Regional Assessor), George Bourgault (RRG) and Justine Lapierre (Clerk)

Board Members Absent: None

Meeting brought to order at 7:05 p.m.

The following discussions took place:

- Karen Chick (Town Accountant) enters the meeting at 7:05 p.m. She begins to discuss the misbalance of the Fiscal Year 2013 budget and that a release of the portions of the Overlay accounts from FY 2010 and FY 2011 could fix the problem. The balance of Fiscal Year 2010 Overlay is \$23,909.71 and the balance of Fiscal Year 2011 Overlay is \$19,643.26, with a combined total of \$43,552.97. As of June 30, 2012 there are outstanding receivable for Personal Property tax. The balance of FY 2010 is \$1,397.64 and FY 2011 is \$12,336.48. Karen proposes leaving a balance in the FY 2010 Overlay account of \$750. And a balance of \$6,000 in the FY 2011 Overlay account, which is approximately 50% of the outstanding receivables balances. This would mean that the amounts requested to be released would be \$23,159.71 from the FY 2010 Overlay and \$13,643.26 from the FY 2011 Overlay, for a total of \$36,802.97. This amount would cover the deficit the Town currently has in FY 2012 of \$6,529.50 and increase the amount the Town can allocate for FY 2013 overlay by \$13,000. That would leave \$17,273.47 to be used to balance the budget for FY 2013.
- The Board of Assessors had some reservations in agreeing to release the Overlay in the case that any abatement applicants from FY 2012 were to file a denial appeal with the Appellate Tax Board. Karen stating that at this point with the outstanding proposed school budget that this was currently the best move for the Town.
- Motion: John Prentiss motions to release \$23,159.71 from the FY 2010 Overlay and \$13,643.26 from the FY 2011 Overlay, for a total of \$36,802.97  
Second: Kurt Leslie  
In Favor: John Prentiss & Kurt Leslie  
Abstained: Albert Afonso
- Karen thanks the Board and exits the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

- Harald Scheid speaks of the proposed utility assessment with Mass Electric for FY 2013. The amount seems fair, and is signed by the BOA, along with the Sale Report Cover Letter.
- The Board then revisits the 3ABC Charitable Tax Exemption application 2013002. After reviewing documentation provided by the organization, it was discovered that the land is not open to the public, no sign is up to let people know about the area, and no charitable or education activities take place at the site such as nature walks.
- Motion: John Prentiss motions to deny 3ABC application 2013002.
- Second: Kurt Leslie
- All in Favor
- The discussion then goes back to 3ABC application 2013008 and whether or not the Board should reconsider their application. The BOA could not come to a consensus to revote, so the original denial vote will stand.

The next Board of Assessors Meeting is to be held on **Monday, August 27, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the Assessors' Office located in the Library Basement.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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John K. Prentiss

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Kurt Leslie

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Albert Afonso

**Approved February 11, 2013**