



Board of Assessors
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Minutes of the Board of Assessors' Meeting held on **February 25, 2013** in the Assessors' Office located in the Library Basement.

Members Present: John Prentiss (Chair), Al Afonso (Member), Kurt Leslie (Member) George Bourgault (RRG), and Jeannette Elsevier (Clerk)

Board Members Absent: N/A

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

The following documents were signed

- Statutory Exemption – 2013
- Warrant – Farm Animal Excise 2013
- MV Excise Abatement - 2013 and 2012
- Real Estate Abatements – 2013
12 Abatements Reviewed - 10 Granted 2 Denied
- Personal Property Abatement – 2013
1 Abatement Reviewed and Granted
- Meeting Minutes – 2013 and 2012

The following discussions took place:

The BOA was joined by members of the Hubbardston Agricultural Commission (HAC) to discuss the Farm Excise Tax. The committee believes that the BOA is assessing farm animals and farm equipment incorrectly as personal property. Thomas Bratko (member of HAC) presented a copy of Mass DORs Bulletin 2009-07B Farm Animal and Machinery Excise for review. The BOA has taken the information under consideration and has agreed to meet with the HAC at a future BOA meeting. Chairperson Catherine Hansgate will be contacted(via e-mail) as to the meeting date.

The next Board of Assessors Meeting is to be held on **Monday, March 11, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. in the Assessors' Office located in the Library Basement.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

John K. Prentiss

Albert Afonso

Approved April 22nd, 2013