



THE TOWN OF  
HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
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Minutes of the Board of Assessors' Meeting held on **May 23, 2016** in the Assessors' Office located in the Library Basement

Meeting brought to order at **7:05 PM**

**Attending:** Al Afonso (member), Bill Homans (member), Diane Peterson (RRG Assessor), Margaret Greenlee (Assessors Clerk), and Raeanne Siegel, Interim Town Administrator). **Absent:** John Prentiss (Chair),

**Discussions:**

**Budget Issues** – Raeanne answered questions regarding the next years' budget. Clerk hours were kept at their current level and expenses were cut 5%. With a new clerk to be hired, the expense budget is too low and a request for a reserve fund transfer may be necessary to allow the clerk to attend state mandated Assessing education. A discussion on the possibility of closing the elementary school and its impact on the town was held. It was stressed that this is just a preliminary discussion. The Hubbardston Elementary school is currently at about 50% capacity along with other towns in the Quabbin district.

**Mission E-4** – They have not paid their yearly agreed payment of \$5000.00 for FY15 and FY16. Further discussion needs to be held to determine the next course of action. Diane Peterson asked to see the curriculum for proper determination of their status as a religious entity. All present expressed interest in taking a tour of the Mission E-4 properties as well as Camelot (Ron Burton's Sport Camp.) Discussed whether Camelot ever paid any taxes on their property – Al Afonso thought that for several years they did. Will clarify this before next meeting.

**3ABCs** – Hubbardston Elderly Housing – assessor wants to get an application to them to see if they would qualify for 3ABC status. Hubbardston Historical Society was approved and Camelot will be discussed at the next meeting

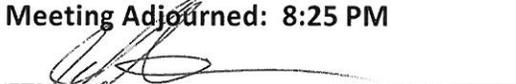
**Chapterland** – 2 properties – Sevigny and Williams do not have liens after repeated communications. Board approved sending certified letters as a final step before removing them from Chapter status. Hopkins property has complied with Chapter requirements but due to miscommunication several years ago, the \$75.00 check for their lien was deposited into the General Account and a lien was not done. The Assessors budget does not have the money to pay for a lien. Board voted to have Assessors Clerk get a check from a General Fund account to pay for this. Margaret Greenlee will speak to the Treasurer regarding this.

**Documents Signed:**

- MV Abatements
- Supplemental RE and CPA Commitments

Next meeting is scheduled either May 31 or June 1 at 7:00 PM.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM**

  
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John K. Prentiss

  
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Albert Afonso

  
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William Homans

**Approved** May 31, 2016