

ASSESSORS MEETING
TOWN HALL
ROOM 202
December 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Anne Dunn, Tom Donnelly, and Nancy Shea of the Board and Assistant Assessor James Judge.

On motion made and seconded the Board voted to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2009.

The Board reviewed and approved office bills.

The Board reviewed and approved various tax deferrals, applications for exemptions and CPA applications.

The Board approved abatement agreements.

The Board discussed the issue of personal property accounts valued at under \$5000. Mr. Judge reported that the Town has 90 personal property accounts under \$5000, for which the total tax would be approximately \$2,555. The cost to bill these accounts would exceed the amount of revenue that the Town would collect from billing them. The Department of Revenue will require the Town to bill these accounts in the next fiscal year unless a warrant article is placed on the agenda for Town Meeting that would adopt a local option to exempt these accounts. After discussion Tom Donnelly made a motion that the Board support the Article to see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 as inserted by Section 114 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000, and to establish a value of \$5,000.00 as the minimum value of Personal Property to be subject to taxation, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Nancy Shea seconded this motion.

The Board:

VOTED: Unanimously to place this Article on the warrant for Town Meeting.

The Board reviewed a memorandum from the Mass Department of Revenue certifying the Town's property values, and signed the documentation to set the tax rate for fiscal 2010 at \$13.54. The board commended Mr. Judge for achieving State certification and approval of our tax rate before the end of the year, so that the tax bills may be sent out by January 1st. Very few, if any other towns in the entire State have been able to complete their 3-year certification and set their tax rate on time. Mr. Judge's experience and diligence were the critical factors in accomplishing this extraordinary achievement.

The Board reviewed various sales reports and publications.

The next meeting of the board was schedule for January 26, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Shea