

ASSESSORS MEETING
TOWN HALL
ROOM 202
January 20, 2009

The Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Anne Dunn and Nancy Shea were present.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board--

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the October 28th meeting.

The Board discussed multiple applications for tax exemptions (including exemptions based upon veteran status, senior status, and disability) and several applications for tax deferrals based upon financial hardship. The Board approved those that met the applicable legal criteria.

The Board also acted on the FY 09 abatement applications.

Nancy Shea requested that she be notified of appointments to perform field reviews for homeowners who have requested abatements, so that she may accompany Mr. Judge on these visits.

The Board signed office bills and motor vehicle commitments, and reviewed recent real estate sale data and correspondence from the Planning Board.

The Board reviewed and discussed a memorandum from the Town Administrator, which informed department heads that the State may be making significant cuts in funding to cities and towns.

The Board reviewed proposals from several vendors. The Board noted that Vision (our assessment software vendor) has raised the price for hosting an on-line Kingston data base to \$2,800 per year. Given the current budget situation for the Town, the funds are not available to go forward with on-line access to assessment data at this time.

Mr. Judge reported that the Phase II sewer betterment interest was included in the most recent tax bills. The job involved more than a full week of work by Mr.

Judge to input over 500 entries into the computer system by hand, and to work with Ms. Palombo to produce the proper final bills. The Board thanked Mr. Judge for his efforts, adding our voice to the thanks previously conveyed from the Sewer Commission. In response to Board questions, Mr. Judge stated that this problem would not reoccur next year, because the Munis system would automatically handle the interest for the time periods going forward.

The Board circulated various newsletters and publications.

The Board wished Jeannie Loverro a speedy recovery after surgery. The Board noted that in Jeannie's absence, Holly Merry has been shouldering an extra load, and has been assisted by the generous efforts of volunteers Mary Ellen Clisham, Donna Furio, and Gayle Catani. Our special thanks go out to Holly, Mary Ellen, Donna, and Gayle for their service to the Town.

The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday February 24th at 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Shea