

ASSESSORS MEETING

TOWN HALL

ROOM 202

JULY 21, 2009

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

The Board approved the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2009.

The Board reviewed and signed the various office bills.

The Board discussed a Department of Revenue bulletin regarding on-going litigation about the taxation of poles and wires on public ways.

The Board discussed a memorandum from the Finance Committee that inquired about the status of the Overlay account and the possible release of funds for Fiscal 2011. After review and discussion of a chart prepared by Nancy Shea (see attached), the Board concluded that it is too soon to make any determination about release of Overlay account funds at this time. The Board directed that Mr. Judge prepare a draft memorandum to the Finance Committee and e-mail that draft to each Board member for review.

The Board discussed the errors that occurred on the preliminary FY2010 Bills, which involved the billing of sewer betterment charges to approximately 80 taxpayers who had already paid off their sewer betterments in full. The Munis software consultants could not pinpoint the cause of the error with certainty, but it appears to have resulted from a coding problem in an upgrade package recently installed for the system. Letters have been sent to each affected taxpayer, and mortgage/escrow companies have been notified of the errors.

The Board reviewed a memorandum from the Town Administrator regarding changes in the ethics/open meeting laws effective 2010.

The Board reviewed a bulletin from the Plymouth County Assessors Association about the County Round Meeting and memorandum from Tyler Tech. about a conference in Florida.

The Board will hold its next meeting on August 25, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Shea