

Board of Assessors Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
Meier Room, Abington Town Hall

Present: Ann Welch, member
Lawrence Keough, member
Kate Marini, member
Jack Pistorino, Deputy Assessor
Jodie Hurst, Recorder

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.

Prior Minutes

VOTE: Motion by Kate Marini, seconded by Lawrence Keough, to approve the open session minutes from September 3, 2015. Unanimous vote in favor.

VOTE: Motion by Kate Marini, seconded by Lawrence Keough, to approve the executive session minutes from September 3, 2015. Unanimous vote in favor.

Please note: October's meeting was cancelled.

The following documents were signed: excise month-end, exemption month-end, monthly excise, and 3 excise denials.

Old/New Business:

- The overlay was distributed and discussed. The beginning balance will be added after the Recap is set, and the number may shift slightly, from the original \$380,000 the Board previously voted.
- Chapter Land Applications: A Chapter 61B application was approved for Henrickson's land on Hancock Street. A Chapter 61A application was approved for Ryerson's land on Linwood Street.
- Zoning ads and the agenda were distributed.

Classification presentation:

The Deputy Assessor discussed the upcoming Board of Selectmen's meeting, and went over the presentation with the Assessors. He informed that Board that the 1-year debt exclusion for the new Fire Truck, as well as other debt contributed to the approximate \$0.93 increase in the tax rate. Discussion ensued

Kate Marini indicated that she would prefer to stick with a single rate, as businesses did not participate in the vote to approve the expense of the Fire Truck or the school, and it wouldn't be right to shift the burden.

Motion: Kate Marini motions that the Assessors should recommend that the BOS adopt a single tax rate. Discussion continued.

Lawrence Keough indicated that when a business moves to this town, they become a part of the community.

Kate Marini pointed out that she had investigated, last year, and found that the businesses in town do not use a disproportionate amount of town services.

Ann Welch was in favor of a single tax rate, but she did indicate that she didn't agree with the argument that splitting the tax rate deters businesses from coming to Abington.

VOTE: Motion by Kate Marini, seconded by Lawrence Keough, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen adopt a single tax rate. Unanimous vote in favor.

The Deputy Assessor gave a brief discussion on both the Small Commercial and Residential Exemptions.

VOTE: Motion by Lawrence Keough, seconded by Kate Marini, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen not adopt the Small Commercial Exemption. Unanimous vote in favor.

VOTE: Motion by Kate Marini, seconded by Lawrence Keough, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen not adopt the Residential Exemption. Unanimous vote in favor.

The Deputy Assessor updated the Board of the Recertification process. He indicated that DOR is short-staffed at that moment, and things are moving along, albeit slowly. After we receive preliminary certification of values, we will have a public disclosure period, where the valuations can be seen online, at the town hall, and at the library.

VOTE: Motion by Anne Welch, seconded by Lawrence Keough to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing and acting on exemption applications and/or abatement applications and settlements and not to return in open session. Decisions will be recorded in open session. A roll call vote was taken: unanimous vote in favor.

The meeting entered executive session at 7:00 pm

Exhibit list:

Item #	Description	Availability/Location
1	11-515 agenda	Assessors Office / Clerk's Office
2	9-3-15 open minutes	Assessors Office/ Library upon approval
3	9-3-15 executive minutes	
4	September Overlay	Assessors Office
5	Zoning ads	Zoning Admin Assistant
6	Fy 16 Classification presentation	Assessors Office
7	School Ground-breaking notice	Schools

The following Fy2016 real estate exemptions were granted in executive session:

Name	ST #	ST Name	Amount	Clause	Map	Lot	Unit
GRIFFIN, B. ESTHER	300	PLYMOUTH ST	\$900.00	37A	47	25	
CASS, ROSEMARIE	9	BANK ST	\$900.00	41C	23	254	
COLLINS, CHARLES M.	150	CATHERINE DR	\$900.00	41C	21	14	
COOK, RUTH	34	RANDOLPH ST	\$900.00	41C	52	74	
MAUL ROBERT	431	HANCOCK ST	\$900.00	41C	37	148	
MELCHIONNE, JOSEPHINE	721	ADAMS ST	\$900.00	41C	69	11	
MCPHEE, MARY L	207	COLONIAL RD	\$900.00	41C	45	32	
PURTELL, PATRICIA	29	SPRUCE ST	\$900.00	41C	53	88	
WYATT, JEANNE	14	CLAPP ST	\$900.00	41C	4	51	
TEEHAN, THERESA	106	HERSEY LANE	\$900.00	41C	18	28	
ATKINSON, ROGER	410	HANCOCK ST	\$720.00	22	37	4	
CHEVERIE, CARMELA	94	RUSSELL LN	\$720.00	22	58	52	
KEEGAN, JOHN	155	MARGARET ROAD	\$720.00	22	44	108	
MINCONE, PAUL R	363	HANCOCK ST	\$720.00	22	37	137	
HOFFMAN, MARY	16	EKSTROM CR	\$315.00	17DW	63	32	
HURLEY, MARY P	16	LINWOOD ST	\$315.00	17DW	7	15	
LAMBERT, SHEILA	93	LAKE ST	\$315.00	17DW	23	114	
MORTIMER, DAVID	27	PLATT ST	\$315.00	17DA	54	32	
NICHOLSON, IRENE	51	ROCKLAND ST	\$315.00	17DW	22	57	
ROBERTSON, BARBARA	93	SPRUCE ST	\$315.00	17DW	61	81	
VENCKAUSKAS, JANE	880	BROCKTON AVE	\$315.00	17DW	3	55	9
MORRISON, DORIS	48	BAY STATE CR	\$315.00	17DA	65	47	

The following Fy 2016 Senior Tax rebate exemptions were granted in executive session:

Name	St #	St Name	Map	Lot	Amount
Adams, Linda	125	Hancock Street	29	44	\$500.00
Bealieu, Patrica	238	Ashland Street	9	37	\$500.00
Breivogel, Walter	117	Park Avenue	32	32	\$500.00
Brown, John	42	Allen Street	4	142	\$500.00
Butler, Karen	52	Karen Lane	21	58	\$500.00
Cook, Ruth	34	Randolph Street	52	74	\$500.00
Curtis, Joanne	88	Progress Street	17	3	\$500.00
DeYulus, Mel	438	Rockland Street	21	77	\$500.00
Freese, John	47	Green Street	4	159	\$500.00
Leventuk, Lorraine	166	Birch Street	54	97	\$500.00
Libby, John	21	West Chapel Street	23	57	\$500.00
Mannering, Elaine	533	Linwood Street	20	24	\$500.00
Marzocca, Nicholas	76	East Street	65	110	\$500.00
Mavrogeorge, Lorraine	166	Center Avenue	24	18	\$500.00
Millett, William	50	Mountain Laurel Lane	59	212	\$500.00
Mulcahy, Richard	68	Captain Standish Drive	25	4	\$500.00
Murphy, Eileen	35	Priscilla Alden Road	18	64	\$500.00
Norling, Elizabeth	811	Washington Street	31	77	\$500.00
Norton, Sue	226	Wyman Road	52	9	\$500.00
Palaza, Linda	14	Adley Drive	44	63	\$500.00
Pechilis, Jean	34	Linda Street	4	189	\$500.00
Robertson, Barbara	95	Spruce Street	61	81	\$500.00
Shura, Stanley	225	Green Street	4	41	\$500.00
Slinger, Elizabeth	39	Plain Street	60	157	\$500.00
Spadorica, Albert	45	Peregrine Road	18	105	\$500.00
Wall, Maureen	300	Walnut Street	10	59	\$500.00
Whalen, Margaret	623	Adams Street	65	93	\$500.00
Young, John	23	Granite Street	24	5	\$500.00

A Senior Tax Rebate Exemption was denied for Mr. Spry, of 41 High St.