



Town of Mashpee

16 Great Neck Road North
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - EXECUTIVE SESSION **Thursday, March 27, 2013 – 6:00 PM** **Mashpee Town Hall – Popponeset Meeting Room 3**

Executive Session Minutes - 3/27/2013

Board Members Present:

Gregg Fraser, Chairman
Paul Andrews, Vice Chairman
Sheldon Holzer, Clerk

Also Present:

Jason Streebel, Director of Assessing

Chairman Gregg Fraser called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Jason Streebel stated that the total recommended abatement amount for this year was \$47,351, and last year it was \$103,900, so there are about half the number of abatements, with a few more, than there were last year. There are 30 abatements still to be considered, [REDACTED] Deer Crossing Commercial. Jason Streebel stated that he was still waiting for more income/expense data from [REDACTED] that has not yet been received. There are two more abatement applications from Mashpee Commons that Paul Kapinos is reviewing.

Jason Streebel reviewed the Assessing Office policy in the past for handling Veterans Motor Vehicle exemption applications, stating that anyone who had 100% exemption for disability as a veteran and who was getting a 100% exemption for real estate taxes was also receiving a motor vehicle exemption. New information regarding the DOR policy states that one or more of the following criteria for 100% motor vehicle exemption must be met:

- 1) having a Motor Vehicle Disabled Veteran's license plate
- 2) having been an honorably discharged veteran from WW I, WWII, Korean

Emergency, Vietnamese War, Lebanese Peace Keeping Force, the Panamanian Intervention Force, Persian Gulf War

- 3) having lost the use of one arm, one leg, one eye as accorded by the VA

The Board ruled that the office should follow a strict reading and interpretation of the statute and the DOR's clarification when processing motor vehicle exemption applications for the 45 affected veterans in the town of Mashpee.

Two motor vehicle abatement applications submitted by Henry and Susan Bode were discussed. In the case of the first one, bill # 16421, the vehicle was registered in Illinois in October, 2012, and the Bodes did not return the plates until January 4, 2013, four days late. The Bodes are asking for a full-year abatement. After discussion, the Board agreed to grant the request.

Regarding the second Henry & Susan Bode Motor Vehicle abatement application, Bill # 15939, Jason Streebel recommended denial as a matter of course: [REDACTED]

Regarding Michael Monahan's Motor Vehicle abatement application, Jason Streebel stated that Mr. Monahan did not own the property until after July 1 and he still is not a resident so therefore does not meet the five-year residency requirement to qualify for a Motor Vehicle abatement.

Regarding James Rego, Jr.'s Motor Vehicle abatement application, Jason Streebel stated that James Rego, Jr. has only one year's residency in Mashpee and therefore does not meet the 5-year residency requirement for a Motor Vehicle abatement. Mr. Streebel recommended denial of the abatement application.

Sheldon Holzer made a motion that the Board adjourn the Executive Session, to return to the Public Session. Paul Andrews seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Sheldon Holzer, yes; Paul Andrews, yes; Gregg Fraser, yes.
The motion was unanimously approved.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina G. Schlobohm
Recording Secretary