

Board of Assessors Minutes 1/29/14

Town of Mashpee

16 Great Neck Road North

Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649

BOARD OF ASSESSORS – PUBLIC SESSION

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 – 6:00 PM

Ockway Meeting Room 2- Mashpee Town Hall

Minutes of the Meeting of 1/29/2014

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Jason Streebel, Director of Assessing

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Paul Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – Public Session – 12/11/13 and Executive Session –12/11/13

- Gregg Fraser made a motion that the public session minutes of 12/11/13 be approved as presented. Sheldon Holzer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Gregg Fraser made a motion that the executive session minutes of 12/11/13 be approved as presented but not released to Town Clerk until redacted. Sheldon Holzer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Dept. of Revenue (DOR) re: State Owned Land**

Board members reviewed the MOU with the DOR. Jason Streebel stated that the DOR doubled their initial assessed amount to Mashpee, saving Mashpee \$15,000 in appraisal fees and more than that in attorney's fees. The settlement amount will amount to \$970,000 over the next 5 years for Mashpee.

- **Various Personal Exemptions**

Gregg Fraser made a motion to approve as recommended the list of various personal tax exemptions listed on Report number E-01292014, beginning with the name Abbott, Walter & Joyce, and ending with the name Zadie, Paul J. Sheldon Holzer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. A list of the Exemption Totals by Category is attached to these minutes.

- **Fiscal Year 2015 Re-Certification Update**

Jason Streebel reported that he is now working on the revaluation/recertification for the year 2015.

Jason stated that he has already met with Mashpee's DOR representative, Grace Sandell, to initiate the timeline and gather some paperwork needed by the DOR. Ms. Sandell gave Jason a request for approximately 250 field cards that she is going to field review in the next two months. On September 3rd, 4th and 5th Ms. Sandell will return to Mashpee to work with our valuation consultant to review our numbers and finalize our report. During a public disclosure period postcards will be sent to out-of-towners, and the suggested valuations will be published to allow a public comment period at least a week before the Assessing Office works on getting our recap

approved for growth.

- **Review of Draft RFP for Valuation Consultant Services**

Paul Andrews asked the Board members for any comments they might have regarding the RFP for the consultant services. Jason Streebel commented that our last contract ended with the successful completion of fiscal year 2014 valuations and approval of the tax rate; our RFP for valuation consultant services for the next 3 years stipulates use of the PK software system. Jason Streebel stated that he is hoping to begin work with a consultant on the revaluation process as soon as possible. Mr. Streebel stated that the actual approval process for the consultant takes approximately 2 months, and should be completed by the end of March, or early April.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Assessors meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 6:00 PM.

Jason Streebel stated that 18 abatement applications have already been received. Mr. Streebel commented that Chatham's tax rate is among the lowest on the Cape and Sandwich is among the highest. The Mashpee tax rate is somewhere in between these two towns.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Sheldon Holzer made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Gregg Fraser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina G. Schlobohm
Recording Secretary