

Board of Assessors Minutes 7/9/14

Town of Mashpee

16 Great Neck Road North

Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649

BOARD OF ASSESSORS – PUBLIC SESSION **Wednesday, July 9, 2014 – 6:00 PM** **Mashpee Town Hall - Ockway Meeting Room 2**

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 COMMENT – None.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

*** Public Session Minutes of 4/29/2014.**

Gregg Fraser made a motion that the minutes from the Board of Assessors Public Session held on 4/29/2014 be approved as presented. Sheldon Holzer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

*** Executive Session Minutes of 4/29/2014.**

Gregg Fraser made a motion that the minutes from the Board of Assessors Executive Session held on 4/29/2014 be approved as presented but not to be released to the public. Sheldon Holzer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gregg Fraser made a motion that the Public Session be adjourned, and that the committee enter into Executive Session, thereafter to return to Public Session. **Roll Call Vote:** Paul Andrews, yes; Gregg Fraser, yes; Sheldon Holzer, yes. The motion was unanimously approved. The public session was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

At 6:15 PM Paul Andrews reconvened the Board of Assessors Public Session.

*** 2008 Motor Vehicle Abatement Application: Joshua Lucas of Mashpee**

Paul Andrews stated that with regard to the motor vehicle abatement application from Joshua Lucas, a motion was approved by the Board in the Executive Session that Mr. Lucas should be advised to pay his outstanding motor vehicle bill, thereby making it possible for the Assessing Department to consider approval of his motor vehicle abatement application.

*** Update on FY 2015 Recertification of Assessments**

Jason Streebel reported that he is finishing up with the subdivisions this week and has completed the personal property studies with analysis of the returns yet to be done. A sufficient number of returns has been received in order to proceed with the analysis.

Assessing Director's Report.

*Jason Streebel reported that he had sent out the second income and expense request to all commercial enterprises. A \$250 penalty fine will apply for every commercial enterprise that does not return the income and expense study, which fine automatically removes the right of appeal. Jason Streebel stated that he expects a good number of fines that will apply.

*** Sales Review of 2013**

Jason Streebel stated that he has completed the analysis of sales from 2013 through March of 2014 and next week will continue the analysis of sales, hopefully to be completed by October 2014.

*** Residential Tax Exemption for Mashpee**

Jason Streebel reported that a Working Group has been formed consisting of Joyce Mason, Jason Streebel, Treasurer Collector Craig Mayen and newly elected Board of Selectman Andrew Gottlieb, to research the feasibility of adopting a residential tax exemption program for

the Town of Mashpee. Gregg Fraser noted the unfortunate absence of a member of the Board of Assessors in the Working Group, as well as a member of the Finance Committee. There are just 12 communities on the Cape that have instituted the tax exemption program, and none of them are happy with it. Once the program has been instituted, it is non-reversible. Paul Andrews noted that with the additional staff required by the Assessing Department to handle the program, it would result in a net loss of around \$100,000 to the Town. Jason Streebel stated that the next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for late July.

Gregg Fraser stated his position on the proposal that the information provided does not recommend itself to the approval of the residential tax exemption program for Mashpee.

Paul Andrews made a motion that the Assessing Director and the Board of Assessors Chairman draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating their opposition to approval of the residential tax exemption program. Gregg Fraser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD.

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 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina G. Schlobohm
Recording Secretary