

Peter Barbieri, Chairman
John Cronin, Vice Chairman
Philip Waterman III, Clerk

Kathryn A. Peirce, M.A.A.
Linda Clifford, Assistant Assessor

**THE HOLLISTON ASSESSORS OFFICE
HOLLISTON TOWN HALL**

Minutes of Meeting Held: 06/17/09

Meeting called to order at: 7:45a.m.
Attendees: P. Barbieri X, P. Waterman X,
Other: K. Peirce

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:00a.m. On a motion by: P. Waterman seconded by P. Barbieri.
All in favor.

- BOA signed Assessors Warrant for Preliminary Personal Property in the amount of \$344,785.25.
- BOA signed Assessors Warrant for Preliminary Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$15,600,438.82.
- BOA signed Real Estate Abatement report dated 06/15/09 in the amount of \$387.
- BOA reviewed FY09 budget and proposed encumbrance from K. Peirce. Encumbered funds are in Professional Services. Board will vote next week when all members are present.
- BOA reviewed proposal from K. Peirce to spend funds in Abutters List Account for needed items.
- K. Peirce will get approval of these expenditures from the Town Accountant.
- BOA reviewed and signed contracts for J.W. Associates for Personal Property and for Michael Flynn for Commercial Property Revaluations.
- BOA signed Assessors Warrant for Preliminary Community Preservation Act in the amount of \$176,841.85.
- BOA signed memo to interim Town Accountant on authorized signatures in the Assessors office
- BOA signed bill dated 06/17/09 from Compu – Links in the amount of \$800 for G.WIZ software subscription.

- BOA signed bill dated 06/17/09 from Compu – Links in the amount of \$1,500 for digital and print maps with changes.
- BOA signed Weekly Payroll Earnings Sheet for pay period ending 06/12/09.

At 8:20a.m. Paul Beattie and Lauren Elliot came in to discuss Fafard Land Development Values for FY09 related to Real Estate Abatements Application #55 through #167.

- Mr. Beattie thought he and the Board had agreed last fiscal year on lower values in FY09 than reflected in the actual tax bills.
- Discussion on how and where our land values come from – few vacant land sales. Mainly from land residuals, as dictated by the State DOR. No vacant land sales in Fafard neighborhoods.
- The Board noted that the formula the Board used to calculate the Fafard land values resulted in a decrease in lot values greater than decrease for lots outside of the Fafard development.
- Mr. Beattie noted that home sales in the development remain very slow.
- Mr. Beattie wanted an agreement today or what the Board would agree the value of the lots should be in FY09. The Board stated that it sees no reason to change values.
- The Board stated that K. Peirce will supply Mr. Beattie with more details in how lot values in FY09 were generated and how it compares to FY08 values. This data will show initial FY08 lot values, FY08 abatement reductions, FY09 initial values with credits from FY08 values and FY09 final values.
- Mr. Beattie and Ms. Elliot will review the data and will meet with the Board again on 06/24/2009.
- The Board discussed which lots are currently being developed as well.

At 8:45a.m. K. Peirce left the meeting.

- BOA signed Expense Sheet dated 06/17/09 for L. Clifford in the amount of \$95.70 for mileage for property inspections and continuing education class.
- BOA signed bill from James F. Sullivan dated 06/03/09 in the amount of \$1,147.50 for legal services related to ATB cases for 200 and 201 Summer Street.
- BOA signed Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatement Report for period 06/03/09-06/16/09 in the amount of \$276.99.

