



TOWN OF PEPPERELL

Board of Assessors

Board of Assessor Minutes January 4, 2010

The Meeting opened at 7pm on January 4, 2010. Susan Smith, Michael Coffey and Bray Walsh were in attendance.

- Board signed Vouchers
- Board signed Payroll forms
- The Board OK'd a proposal to settle ATB cases for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 brought by Linear Retail-Pepperell LLC received from the law firm Lynch, Desimone & Nysten. Property is located at 2 Tarbell Street, known as White Hen Pantry.

The applicant did not give an opinion of value on either application but offered to drop the ATB cases in exchange for abatements as follows:

	FY 2008	FY 2009
AV	879,400	842,200
Tax	8846.76	9154.71
Proposed	700,000	700,000
Tax	7042.00	7609.00
Diff	1804.76	1545.71

Susan will contact Linear Retail's attorney.

- The Board is asking for a continuance for the hearing date of January 27th for the hearing Pepperell Meadows Assoc. has filed with the ATB for FY 2009
- The Board signed the FY 2010 Warrants to the Collector for real estate, personal property and other assessments (betterments, water liens, sewer liens) as follows:

Real estate	14,574,617.98
Personal	233,765.33
Other assessments	515,345.76

- The Board signed Barbara Harris's request that the real estate taxes and betterment on 55 Hollis St. be deferred under Ch 59 sec.5 cl 41A. She had formerly been receiving a clause 18.
- Sheila Marchard has requested deferred taxes under Ch. 59 sec. 5 cl. 18A, a statute for persons under age 65 (she is about 63). At issue is that this law requires a pay-back in three years rather than a deferral until sale of property. She received a clause 18 in the past. Susan will proceed with the appropriate paperwork for Clause 18A.
- The Board approved a request for abatement from the former owner of property at 111 Lawrence Street stating that the shed (assessed at \$600) was razed at the insistence of the new owner prior to conveyance. If the shed was torn down due to condition, it is unlikely it was worth anything as of Jan. 1, 2009.
- Abatement and exemption records for the months of December were as follows:

FY 2010 record 1 of exemptions	\$85,935.11
FY 2010 record 3 of abatements	1,538.08
FY 2010 record 2 of apportioned sewer betterments	3,145.00
MVE 2009 #10	1,166.12
MVE 2008 #19	113.44
MVE 2007 #27	85.62

- Mike will pick up nomination papers at the Town Clerk's office

Budget FY 2010

- A new three- year contract with Patriot Properties begins FY 2011. The contract will increase to \$24,500 from \$21,500 each of the three years. The increase is in software support and maintenance, an increase that has been avoided for couple of years due to this expense being included in the three year contract.
- The Assessors want to budget for a 32 hour per week person rather than the 19.5 hours mandated by the Selectmen last spring.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Submitted By Susan J Smith

Cc: Town Clerk