

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: 02/24/2010

Meeting called to order at: 7:45a.m.

Attendees: P. Barbieri **X**, J. Cronin   , P. Waterman **X**.

Other: K. Peirce, L. Clifford

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:55a.m.

- Board approved Motor Vehicle & Excise Tax Abatement Report for 02/11/2010 to 02/23/201 in the amount of \$3,176.45
- Board approved meeting minutes of 02/17/2010 as amended. All in favor.
- BOA approved Abatement Report dated 02/22/2010 in the amount of \$21,988.42.
- BOA approved Abatement Report dated 02/23/2010 in the amount of \$167.92.
- BOA approved Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise tax recommitment of 2007 Bill #1511009 in the amount of \$17.92.
- BOA approved CPA exemption applications #60, 61, 51, 58, 59.
- BOA approved Surviving Spouse exemption application #20.
- BOA approved Veteran exemption applications #60 & 61.
- BOA approved Blind exemption applications #8 & 7.
- BOA approved Earnings Worksheet for pay period ending 02/19/2010 and 02/26/2010 and the corrected Earnings Worksheet for pay period ending 02/19/2010.
- BOA reviewed Hardship exemption application #8. Application has applied and been granted exemptions in prior years. Expenses increased more than income. BOA granted an exemption in taxes of \$5,211.36. All in favor.
- Kathy provided a table of budget data in advance of the BOA's meeting with the Finance Committee on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Kathy provided a table of the abatements received from the property owners affected by the Effective Age Table error. BOA will review again once the abatement deadline has passed.

- BOA reviewed Real Estate tax abatement application #113. Kathy inspected the property and reviewed income and expenses. Kathy will collect rental information from other downtown retail buildings and present it next week.
- BOA reviewed Real Estate tax abatement application #38. Property was affected by Effective Year Built chart error. Correcting for this error the new value is \$344,200. This value is in line with other comparable properties not affected by this error. Board will use this property as a sample review for all properties on the Effective Age chart error table. Board will review the entire list next meeting.
- BOA reviewed Real Estate Tax abatement application #56. Board did not discount the value of all the lots in this residential subdivision because these lots could be sold in one year. Linda will relay this information to the owners and get their response before the Board renders an opinion on this application.
- BOA reviewed Real Estate tax abatement application #65. Property inspection found the condition was inferior to what our records reported. Adjusting the condition of the property from Average/Good to Average lowers the value to \$290,800. All in favor.
- BOA reviewed Real Estate Tax abatement application #14. Owner feels house should be classified as a ranch and not a cape. Property inspection revealed it should be listed as 1.5 stories and not 2 stories. Also, there was less finished basement. Linda will look at reasons for any differences in value for house styles in this neighborhood. Linda will report at next meeting.