

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: 03/03/2010

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

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

Other: K. Peirce

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:10a.m.

- Board approved Motor Vehicle & Excise Tax Abatement Report for 03/01/2010 to 03/02/2010 in the amount of \$1,003.02
- Board approved Earnings Worksheet for pay period ending 03/05/2010.
- BOA approved Motor Vehicle and Excise Tax abatement report for 02/26/2010 to 02/26/2010 in the amount of \$2,227.50.
- BOA approved CPA Exemption applications # 62 and 61.
- BOA approved Surviving Spouse exemption #21.
- BOA approved Elderly Exemption application #22.
- BOA reviewed Hardship exemption application #12. Applicant has not applied before. Board has questions on some of the reported expenses. Linda will clarify with applicant and report back to the Board.
- BOA reviewed Real Estate tax abatement applications for those properties affected by Effective Age Chart error. Board discussed approving applications en masse or inspecting each application individually. Phil advocated for approving the abatement list as a whole and John advocated for reviewing each application individually. Board decided to approve the abatement list as a whole. Board granted abatements to applications #34, 35, 38-55, 62-64, 66-80, 83-85, 87-89, 91-100, 103, 104, 107, 108, 110, 114, 116, 119-121, 124, 125, 127-133, 140, 142, 144-148, 150, 152, 154, 159-163, 165, 167-169, 171, 175, 177, 180, 181, 187, 190, 191, 193-195, 197-199, 202-206, 210-214, 216, 217, 219, 223, 224, 226, 247, 250, 252, 254-257, 263, 267, 271. Spreadsheet with all abatement applications approved is attached to these meeting minutes. All in favor. Board also approved allowing assessing staff to use the Board's signature stamps on each individual abatement application.
- BOA reviewed Real Estate abatement application #141. Value affected by Effective Age Chart error. No other changes warranted based on FY 09 inspection. Board granted abatement to correct Effective Year Chart error to new value of \$343,400. All in favor.

- BOA reviewed Real Estate abatement application #86. Value affected by Effective Age Chart error. Owner felt value still too high. Property was inspected in 2007. Linda's review of comparable neighborhood properties found no inconsistencies in value. Board granted abatement to correct Effective Age Chart error to new value of \$323,700. All in favor.

- BOA reviewed Real Estate abatement application #207. Value affected by Effective Age Chart error. Owner felt land value too high compared to land on Tracy Lyn. Tracy Lyn not comparable to her location. No value changes warranted for land. Board granted abatement to correct Effective Age Chart error to new value of \$324,400. All in favor.

- BOA reviewed budget recommendations from Kathy. Assessing staff decided to not take pay raises. Significant cuts were made to Professional Services which will affect the number of property inspections; these will decrease from about 280 in 2010 to 100 in 2011.