

John Cronin, Chairman
Brian Loughlin, Vice Chairman
Peter Barbieri, Clerk

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

**THE HOLLISTON ASSESSORS OFFICE
HOLLISTON TOWN HALL**

Minutes of Meeting Held: 02/07/2012

Meeting called to order at: 8:00a.m.

Attendees: J. Cronin X, B. Loughlin X, P. Barbieri X.

Other: K. Peirce, Ron West & Thom Gilbert

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

- BOA signed payroll for week ending 02/03/12.
- BOA signed Report of Motor Vehicle abatements for \$91.25 dated 01/31/12.
- BOA signed Report of Exemptions for \$18,850.41.
- BOA signed paperwork for Tax Deferral #1.
- BOA signed Report of Motor Vehicle abatements dated 02/01 – 02/06/12 for \$1120.00.
- K. Peirce reported on a call from the newspaper on appraiser Dan Dargon. P. Barbieri had abstained.
- BOA discussed abatement application #1 and letter explaining the reason for denial. Letter to include data correction resulting in \$100 reduction in value.
- K. Peirce reported on discussion with other communities who suggested companies provide proposal. K. Peirce recommends appraisal to be paid for by applicant. P. Barbieri stated his opinion to use established formula with actual SREC and give 10% reduction. K. Peirce dealing with state to determine value but typical land values appraiser would review proposal. J. Cronin commented SREC flat formula speculative. B. Loughlin thinks we should do appraisal to establish value of Personal Property cap rate (discount rate). J. Cronin asked about appraisal. P. Barbieri said if no cost to Town he has no objection. P. Barbieri stated K. Peirce should tell company of his position on formulas and discount. K. Peirce to have scope of appraisal work. Public Comment: Tom Gilbert—SREC \$400 per many data bases. Some only deal with value of power.

- Motion by P. Barbieri, second by B. Loughlin, to approve listed exemptions. Vote 3-0, all in favor.
 - Veteran exemption #60
 - Senior/Surviving Spouse exemption #9
 - CPA exemption #60
 - CPA exemption #61

- Motion by P. Barbieri, second by B. Loughlin, to approve contract for Mike Flynn. Vote 3-0; all in favor.

- K. Peirce reported on the Wilde Company. 3 year value appealed to the S.J.C. Question of cost to defend. K. Peirce to provide memo of value and tax being challenged.

- Motion by P. Barbieri, second by B. Loughlin, to approve minutes of 01-31-12 with correction of cost of proposal. Vote 3-0; all in favor.

- BOA reviewed Hardship application #11. Received doctor's opinion of infirmity, born 1930. Income \$18,000 annually. Expenses \$14,700 annually. Taxes not included. Ask to provide information for 2010 or 2011 for checking account and taxes.

- BOA reviewed Hardship application #14. Response to questions on mortgage and tax deferral is she has home equity loan. Staff to check on tax return status.

- BOA reviewed Abatement application #2. L. Clifford inspected and condition actually less than neighborhood. Recommends good condition. Reduces value by \$7200. Motion by P. Barbieri, second by B. Loughlin, to approved value reduction. Vote 3-0; all in favor.

- BOA reviewed Abatement application #6. L. Clifford inspected and no upkeep over last years. Recommend change in condition of Average from Average/Good. Reduces value by \$19,000. Motion by P. Barbieri, second by B. Loughlin, to reduce value by \$19,000, changing condition. Vote 3-0; all in favor.

- BOA reviewed Abatement application #66. L. Clifford inspected. Data corrections from inspection—basement is half the size and other changes. Reduction in value of \$24,400. Motion by P. Barbieri, second by B. Loughlin, to reduce value by \$24,400. Vote 3-0; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Peter Barbieri, Clerk