

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2011
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, ROOM 106
900 MAIN STREET, MILLIS, MA 02054**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Bouret called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following persons were present: Lawrence Bouret, David O'Brien, Stephanie Bravoco, Robert Finnegan, Theresa Cousens and Kathy Laplant.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Finnegan stated that after tonight, the Board will have finished 29 out of 86 abatements. There are two more meetings scheduled between now and April 30, 2011.

Mr. Finnegan stated that it is taking about two hours apiece to process the abatements and he thinks there might not to be enough time to consider all of the abatements based on the current schedule of Board meetings. Mr. Finnegan suggested that there are more options such as keeping the 28th of March meeting, planning on meeting every Monday night in April, or coming in for a meeting on a weekend day which is what a lot of towns do. He also mentioned that there will be two taxpayer presentations on March 28th and that it is likely cut into the meeting's productivity. Mr. Finnegan advised the Board that he does not need a decision now, but is projecting that the time currently set aside to process the abatements will not be sufficient. Mr. Bouret mentioned that after tonight, it will be a little bit clearer about how long it takes the Board as a group to get through the scheduled abatement workload.

Ms. Bravoco let the Board know she will be in New York in April. Mr. Finnegan suggested meeting on the other Monday nights in April. The members of the Board all agreed that meeting Monday nights was a better choice.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Finnegan mentioned that Mr. Harkey, the owner of the property at 1130-1140 Main Street, asked for an appointment. Mr. Finnegan will set up an appointment for the next meeting at 6:00 p.m. Kathy suggested that the Board choose a date for the Board to meet once a month and put it on the Millis website. Mr. Finnegan mentioned that he is making arrangements to meet with two more abatement applicants at the March 28th Board meeting.

SEWER COMMITMENTS AND PILOT PROGRAM:

Motion by Mr. Bouret, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to approve the sewer commitment dated 1/24/11. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Bouret, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to approve the sewer commitment dated 1/26/11. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Bouret, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the pilot program commitment dated 1/25/11. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Motion by Mr. Bouret, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to approve the open session meeting minutes from 1/24/11. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Bouret, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to approve the executive session meeting minutes from 1/24/11. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Bouret, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to approve the regular session meeting minutes from 2/14/11. The motion passed unanimously.

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Motion by Mr. Bouret, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to approve the executive session meeting minutes from 2/24/11. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:15 p.m.,

Motion by Mr. Bouret to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if such discussions may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body and a person, firm or corporation, and to emerge only to adjourn. By Roll Call Vote: Bouret-aye; Bravaco-aye; O'Brien-aye.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa M. Cousens, Administrative Clerk