



Town of Groton  
**Board of Assessors**  
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## **Meeting Minutes March 10, 2004**

### **Board Attendees:**

Edward J. Kopec, Chairman  
Hugh McLaughlin  
Sylvia Sangiolo, Clerk

### **Other Attendees:**

Rena E. Swezey, Assistant Assessor  
Rebecca Scribner, Assessors Clerk

Mr. Kopec opened the meeting at 3:10pm.

### **The Board approved and signed the following documents:**

1. MVE Abatement Log 2004 for \$1,293.44
2. MVE Abatement Log 2004 for \$632.83
3. MVE Abatement Log 2003 for \$188.23
4. Patriot Properties for \$2,267.75
5. W.B. Mason for \$54.28
6. Hugh McLaughlin mileage for \$27.00
7. Senior exemption: Ford – granted
8. Real Estate abatements – 5 were approved, 4 denied, 3 need an inspection; those three are Sawyer, St. Pierre, and Binder

A discussion was held on the Selectmen's decision to cut the Board of Assessor's salaries by \$250 each. The main point of concern was that the Selectmen made the decision without consulting the BOA first. Another point was that the amount of money saved by doing that would not really help the budget concerns especially as related to the schools.

A warrant for the Selectmen/BOA salary reduction and one for health insurance will be on the April 26<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting agenda.

A 30-day extension was granted to A.T.&T. for them to send in their Form of List.

Ms. Swezey and Mr. Kopec attended the Planning Board meeting. Ms. Swezey brought up the fact that Section G of their documentation that is handed out should be removed because it has nothing to do with Planning and is part of the Assessor's office. The Planning Board agreed and Section G will be stricken from their documentation.

Discussion was held regarding new legislation being proposed that Seniors 65 or older, filling out income tax forms, and living with less than \$500,000 of assets be absolved of paying tax increases from overrides. It was noted that it would be difficult to keep track of who qualified and that there would need to be two tax rates.

**Update on Revaluation process:**

1. Patriot will be starting Building Permit inspections May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Neighborhoods will be looked at. Not all will be done this year.

The date of the next BOA meeting is Wednesday, March 24, 2004.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn at 5:02pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm by Mr. Kopec.