

**Groton Board of Assessors
Town Hall
173 Main St.
Groton, MA 01450**

***Date: Jan 19, 2011
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Groton Town Hall***

***Present: Jenifer Evans, Chair
Rena Swezey, Clerk
Garrett Boles, Absent***

MINUTES

***The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
The first order of business was to sign the following items;***

***MVE Commitment # 7 of 2010..... \$6,508.04
MVE Commitment # 1 of 2011..... \$984,198.75
MVE Abatement Log of 2010.....\$885.72
MVE Abatement Log of 2008.....\$72.50***

***Real Estate Abatement Log 2011.....\$304.67
CPA Log.....\$9.14***

Clause 50 Application.....\$500.00

***CPA Exemption Application- the board signed on application to be exempt from this tax after determination the applicant did meet the income requirements.
Veterans Application – the board signed one new application after reviewing the letter from the VA to determine eligibility. Since this applicant owns the property with another family member only half the exemption is allowed.***

Vision Appraisal for Web Hosting.....\$2,200 the board signed this bill.

Real Estate Abatement Application for 2011.

The board reviewed and processed 11 applications for Real Estate abatements. These applications are for data correction errors and determined to be in need of adjusting the FY 11 values. Ms. Swezey has done inspections on the applications to make recommendations to the board.

Old Business

Ms. Swezey informed the board that Mr. Robert Stephens would like to bring an article to the Special Town Meeting in Feb. As yet we have not seen the article to know what it may pertain too.

Ms. Swezey informed the board that the owner of the property at 49 Spencer Circle would like to attend a meeting to address the board in reference to an error in the square footage of her house. It has not been determined how long the error has been in place, but Ms. Swezey will research the information.

Ms. Swezey and Ms. Evans talked about the upcoming ATB cases on Jan. 27, 2011. We have five cases with Academy Hill, and Ms. Swezey found an error on one parcel from FY 2009 that needs to be abated. The cases for Academy Hill may not go forward, but Ms. Swezey will get in touch with the applicant and let him know at least one abatement must be done and find out if they wish to go forward.

Ms. Swezey and Ms. Evans talked about the cost of going to the ATB using Town Council and the financial impact on our budget. We both felt that the data is good and does not warrant another abatement or settlement. Ms. Evans stated she was willing represent the board in defense of our values. We looked at our data base and Ms. Evans found some comps that were re-sales of similar properties to Blast and we will add them to our sales comps.

8 and 28 Sawtell Dr.

124 Sandy Pond Rd

240 Martins Pond Rd

24 Hoyts Wharf Rd

Ms. Swezey will do an addition comp sheet and sent to Ms. Evans. Ms

.Swezey will put together all the information needed to attend the ATB hearing.

Ms. Swezey will call Town Counsel and ask to answer the responses to Mr. Hoch and that we are willing to attend the ATB and represent ourselves. She will ask Town Council to give us some advice on going forward. Ms. Evans and Ms. Swezey will attend the ATB hearing.

Ms. Evans made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. seconded by Ms. Swezey, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Rena Swezey