

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

**Date: Jan. 5, 2011
Time: 7:00 P.M
Place: Groton Town Hall**

**Present: Jenifer Evans
Garrett Boles.
Rena Swezey**

Minutes

The chair opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

- 1. Signatures on applications for exemptions, all approved.
Veterans, Senior Exemption, Clause 17D, Blind, and Clause 50**
- 2. Signatures on Commitments for following:**

Real Estate FY 11.....	\$12,188,742.25
Personal Property.....	\$22,658.65
Community Preservation.....	\$270,221.71
West Groton Water District.....	\$48,843.18
Betterments and Liens.....	\$80,820.03
- 3. Applied Geographics Inc –Maps.....\$1125.00**
- 4. Vision Appraisal.....\$4392.00**
- 5. Application for Senior Work-off program**
- 6. Clause 41A Tax Deferrals.....3 applications approved.**
- 7. Real Estate Abatement.....1 application approved.**
- 8. Signatures on Logs for the following:**

Senior Work-Off Program.....	\$16,958
Veterans.....	\$23,800
Senior Exemptions.....	\$24,500
Blind.....	\$1,750
Clause 50.....	\$1,000
Clause 17D.....	\$3,150
CPA	\$2,119.24

Old Business

Letter to the Board of Selectmen from Robert Stephens
The board read the letter addressed to the Selectmen from Stephens and decided the best way to handle the situation was to just ignore Stephens and let him file again with the ATB.

New Business
Executive Session for the Purpose of Litigation

Mr. Boles made a motion at 8:05 P.M. to go into executive session for the purpose of Litigation. A roll call was taken and all in favor.

The board has an ATB case on Jan. 27, 2011 with Mr. & Mrs. Blast of 228 Boston Rd. The counsel for Blast is Alan Hoch. Ms. Swezey stated she did not want to represent the town at this hearing and would prefer to suggest settlement or obtain town counsel. Ms. Evans felt the board has been more than fair with and we have given them abatement for FY 08. We suggested to Mr. Hoch a settlement offer of the FY 2010 value of \$471,400 and it was refused by Blast.

Mr. Boles suggest we obtain permission to use Town Counsel from the Town Manager. Ms. Swezey will ask Mr. Haddad if we can do so.

Mr. Boles also suggested we do an outline for Town Counsel with all that has been done or suggested to Blast to date. He also asked to have TC file a notice of appearance and ask if they intend to have an appraisal, expert witness, and TC to answer responses to Hoch. Tell TC of the offer we made and were refused as well as a list of questions for Hoch to address to us.

Mr. Boles made a motion to end executive session at 8:35 P.M. and go back to the regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Evans, all in favor.

The date for the next meeting is Jan. 12, 2011. Motion to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.,all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Rena Swezey