

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

**Garrett Boles, Chairman
Jenifer Evans, Member
Rena Swezey, Clerk**

March 18, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:10 P.M. All members were present.

7:00 P.M. Mr. Hugh McLaughlin joined the meeting to sit in on the vote for his Abatement Application. Mr. McLaughlin stated he did not wish to address the board that he was only here to observe the process. He felt all the information given was in his abatement packet submitted. The only point Mr. McLaughlin did add to the discussion was he would like to see the analysis done for the land values from the 2008 sales used to determine the adjustments for FY 2009 land assessments.

The abatement application was reviewed. Ms. Swezey presented the board with the finding from the site visit for the inspection and her recommendation. Mr. Boles said the board would not be taking a vote on this tonight. Mr. McLaughlin was welcome to come in and review the data used to set the land Values.

7:30 P.M. Seth Wulsin sent a email to the board stating Mr. Comeau was not available to keep his appointment with the board as he was still at sea. The board still felt very strong and agreed to keep with the settlement offer of \$244,900 for FY 08 and hold that value for FY 2009.

The board affixed signatures to the following:

- 1. Verizon Phone Bill.....\$35.52***
- 2. Exemption for Elderly and Clause 41A.***

The board signed one application for Clause 41C, one applications for Clause 41A, one application for Clause 50.

5. Exemption Logs for the following:

Real Estate Abatement Log.....\$5,239.69

Logs for CPA Tax

Real Estate..... \$157.20

6. Commitment to collect Title Five Betterment Payoff.....\$13,104.50

7. MVE Excise Commitments for 2009

\$1,361.15

\$104.38

\$886.67

MVE Excise Commitments for 2008.....\$469.40

8. Real Estate Abatement Applications for FY 09.

The board took action on 11 Real Estate Abatements filed for FY 2009 in the amount of \$12,349.13 and 10 denials.

Date of next meeting.

The date for the next meeting will be April 1st at 7:00P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Rena Swezey, Clerk