

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

**Date: May 18, 2011
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Assessors Office
Groton Town Hall**

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

Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Real Estate Abatement Application for FY 2011

The board still has four abatement applications to process for FY 2011.

In order to act on the applications for two of the board is waiting income and expense information from the Lawyers for 760 Boston Rd and 500 Main St.

The Roman Catholic Church at 279 Main St. emailed the request for an extension of 60 days. Mr. Boles made a motion to grant the extension, seconded by Ms. Evans, all in favor.

The board affixed signatures on Abatement Logs for:

MVE Abatement Logs for the following:

**2010..... \$103.13
2011-9..... \$1,467.70
2011-10..... \$1,574.57 1522.07**

Real Estate Abatement Log 2011-5RE..... \$12,856.20

Real Estate Abatement Log 2011-5 CPRE.....\$381.04

Water District Abatement Log 2011-4 WD RE.....\$204.77

The board signed a lien release for parcels Map 225-17 and 225-19. The land is in Chapter 61A and 1.84 ac are being sold as a new lot for Seven Hills to build on.

The board then signed a new lien for the same parcels with the reduction in the ac.

The board also signed for R. Swezey to attend the Summer Conference in the amount of \$595.00.

A letter was received from Shanklin Music Hall with a request to be tax exempt starting FY 2012. Ms. Swezey had advised them they will need to file a 3ABC form for FY 2013 in order to be considered. She also advised them of all the papers they will need to submit to the board. Mr. Boles added they must send us their articles of incorporation for the entity and the building must be owner occupied. Ms. Swezey will let them know the earliest they would be considered for tax exempt status would be FY 2013 if they qualify.

ATB Case for 151 Hill Rd.

At the last meeting the board agreed to read the questions submitted to us from Mr. McLaughlin and we would make comments at this meeting.

Mr. Boles addressed some of the questions on paper, but do to the contain of the questions it was difficult to answer the interrogatories. The questions did not address the valuation of the property and no comps were submitted. After discussion on how to process, it was decided by the board that we turn the case over to Kopelman and Paige to defend at the ATB. Ms. Swezey confirmed the hearing date was set for July 18, 2011 and the FY 2009 as well as the FY 2010 would be heard together.

Ms. Swezey will obtain permission from the Town Manager to contact K&P to defend this case. Mr. Boles advised Ms. Swezey to give K & P as much background as possible with regard to the FY 2008 values. Ms. Swezey will forward to K & P the contact information for Mr. Boles as to the answers he has worked on to date for the interrogatories.

Ms. Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M., seconded by Mr. Boles, all in favor.

The date for the next meeting is June 8, 2011.

Respectfully submitted:

Rena Swezey