

4:30 P. M. Michael Colaneri, Stan Richards, Cynthia Mitchell
Also present: Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor

1. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approved the minutes of 3/1/2006.
2. The board agreed to change the regular meeting time to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.
3. Glenn Hearn was present to discuss the Assessors legal budget and suggested a change in attorneys. He also related the pertinent points of conversations he had recently had with Bill Graham and Kevin Comer of Vision Appraisal in regard to the public records lawsuit. Mr. Hearn believes the matter can be settled if some of the documents requested are provided. Mr. Hearn noted that he had not spoken to the attorney handling this for the town.

Regarding the legal budget, Mr. Hearn believes that the statutes require that the Assessors have a separate line item in their own budget for legal expenses and he thinks that the FY07 budget request should be changed to reflect this. He also gave his opinion of the work Ellen Hutchinson has done for the town and suggested that the Assessors consider switching to Kopelman & Paige. He was told that their hourly rates were \$145-\$200 per hour. He also said that Skipper recommended the same changes.

The board discussed these issues. Ms. Mitchell made a motion to add a line to the FY07 budget for legal services in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Richards seconded. It was unanimously voted to revise the budget request.

4. Special Town Meeting 4/11/2006 - The board voted unanimously to submit a warrant article to appropriate from free cash funds for legal services for the assessors department through 6/30/2006, in the amount of \$15,000.
5. The following were signed:

Letter of appreciation to Jemima James
Warrant to Collector - M. V. Excise, 1st Commitment 2006 (\$312,351.25)
Warrant to Collector - M. V. Excise, 7th Commitment 2005 (\$25,422.09)
Certified Abutters List: David Gorenberg & Leslie Baker, parcel 26-19

6. Correspondence was received and noted as follows:

MVC Workshop on Community Preservation Act - 3/16/2006, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
DOR Bulletin 2006-04B - Summary of 2005 Municipal Finance Law Changes

7. The board temporarily adjourned in order to meet with Finance Committee at 5:15 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
8. The FY07 budget request was discussed at Finance Committee meeting, including the revision (as discussed above). The FinComm had a favorable reaction to the change. There was also discussion of the warrant article for the FY2008 revaluation.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor
Approved: