

Minutes of the
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
Town Hall, Wednesday, August 24, 2005
Conference Room "A"

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Parmakian called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Pam Parmakian, Chair
Ms. Patty DeLuca
Mr. Greg Muse
Ms. Leslie Parsons

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Paul Gavin, Principal Assessor
Mr. Richard Faust, Assistant Assessor
Mr. Karl Shipman, Clerk

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Mr. Robert Russell

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Ms. Parmakian asked that future minutes include Executive Session starting and ending times. Mr. Muse made a motion to accept the Minutes from the August 17th meeting. Ms. Parsons seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS:

Members of the Board were introduced to Mr. Robert Russell, taxpayer at 16 Off Conwell Street. Mr. Russell presented his argument for a re-assessment of his real property tax. The Board agreed to consider his case during Executive Session. Mr. Russell was excused.

EXEMPTIONS/ABATMENTS:

Exemptions

The Board was presented with a list of four FY 2005 exemptions to date with the following recommendations:

Clause 17D-Surviving Spouse/Elderly - One application was considered for this period. The applicant meets the current requirements. Ms. Parsons moved, and Ms. DeLuca seconded to grant the exemption. The motion carried 4-0.

Clause 41C - Elderly Persons - Three applications were considered for this period. All applicants meet the current requirements. Ms. Parsons moved, and Ms. DeLuca seconded to grant the exemptions. The motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Parmakian called the meeting into Executive Session at 9:38 a.m.

The Board considered the case of 16 Off Conwell Street. Mr. Gavin presented the Assessors' rationale for current assessment. The Board discussed the details of the case as presented. The Board could not support the applicant's claim to abate. Mr. Muse motioned to deny the request, seconded by Ms. Parsons. The motion carried 4-0.

Personal Property Abatements (4)

The Board reviewed the second list of FY 2005 Personal Property abatement applications. Three completed applications were reviewed with the following recommendations:

Kuliopulos, Maria	234 Commercial Street	FULL ABATEMENT
Kuliopulos, Argirios	6 Creek Hill Road	FULL ABATEMENT
Robinson, J. Allen	153 Bradford Street	FULL ABATEMENT
Weigle, James	881 Commercial Street #6	DENIED

Real Property Abatements (15)

The Board reviewed the second list of FY 2005 Real Property abatement applications. Fifteen applications were reviewed with the following recommendations:

- 248 Bradford Street – Mr. Muse moved, seconded by Ms. DeLuca, to abate the assessed value to \$476,800. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- 155 Bradford Street – The Board could not support the applicant’s claim to abate. Mr. Muse motioned to deny the request, seconded by Ms. DeLuca. The motion carried 4-0.
- 597A Commercial Street – Ms. Parsons moved, seconded by Ms. DeLuca, to abate the assessed value to \$51,500. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- 4 Conway Street (Unit 2) – Mr. Muse moved, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to abate the assessed value to \$643,200. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- 8 Court Street – The Board could not support the applicant’s claim to abate. Mr. Muse motioned to deny the request, seconded by Ms. Parsons. The motion carried 4-0.
- 53 Howland Street – Ms. DeLuca moved, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to abate the assessed value to \$28,300. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- 33 Conwell Street – Ms. DeLuca moved, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to abate the assessed value to \$24,800. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- 28 Nickerson Street – Mr. Muse moved, seconded by Ms. DeLuca, to abate the assessed value to \$397,700. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- 39 Bradford Street (Unit 1) – *Tabled for next meeting.*
- 334 Commercial Street – Ms. DeLuca moved, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to abate the assessed value to \$940,000. Ms. Parmakian recused herself and the vote carried 3-0.
- 262A Bradford Street – Ms. DeLuca moved, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to abate the assessed value to \$259,400. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- 2 Schueler Blvd – *Tabled for next meeting.*
- 19 Off Conwell Street -- The Board could not support the applicant’s claim to abate. Mr. Muse motioned to deny the request, seconded by Ms. Parsons. The motion carried 4-0.
- 89 Franklin Street – Mr. Muse moved, seconded by Ms. DeLuca, to abate the assessed value to \$318,800. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- 250 Bradford Street – Ms. DeLuca moved, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to abate the assessed value to \$535,400. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE REPORT:

Mr. Gavin received Board Member signatures for the CPSR Statement FY 2005.

NEXT BOA MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board of Assessors is scheduled for Thursday, September 15th, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room “A”.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board at the time, Mr. Muse motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Parsons. Chair Parmakian adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karl Shipman

Karl Shipman,
Assessors' Office Clerk

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