



Town of Groton
Board of Assessors
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450
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Meeting Minutes **April 6, 2005**

Board Attendees:

Edward J. Kopec, Chairman
Hugh McLaughlin
Sylvia Sangiolo, Clerk

Other Attendees:

Rena E. Swezey, Assistant Assessor
Rebecca Scribner, Assessors Clerk
Don Billingsley, Horse Owner
Steve Webber, Finance Committee

Mr. Kopec opened the meeting at 2:00pm.

New Business

1. The Board signed the following documents:
 - Real Estate Abatement Applications
 1. Aumais – 29 Worthen Drive – Granted
 2. Barberich – 50 Duck Pond Drive - Granted
 3. Beal – 7 Dolan Drive – Granted
 4. Beebe – 21 Sawtell Drive - Denied
 5. Burgess – 24 Smith Street – Denied
 6. Bywater – 170 West Main Street – Denied
 7. Cushman – 28 Town Forest Road – Granted – Addition not completed.
 8. Fedyk – 220 Hayden Road – Denied
 9. Fuccione – 121 Hill Road – Granted
 10. Lyons – 28 Sawtell Drive – Granted
 11. McPartlan – 49 Pleasant Street – Granted
 12. Peterson – 141 Hill Road – Denied
 13. Shea – 57 Long Hill Road – Needs Inspection
 14. Underwood – 208 Main Street – Granted
 15. Woodbury – 254 Hayden Road – Granted

- Personal Property – Horses from Fairgrounds: All Denied
2. Don Billingsley attended the meeting to discuss his dissatisfaction with the 2005 Personal Property tax bills on horses. The original bill for all of the horses at the Groton Fairgrounds went to him. It was abated completely and new bills went out to the individual horse owners. Mr. Billingsley was billed for one horse. Mr. Billingsley was upset that not all Groton horses were billed. The bills were sent out to those persons who took out stable licenses with the Board of Health and the last Personal Property list. Mr. Billingsley sold his horse after January 1, 2004 for \$1,200 and feels that the Board's abatement denial should be turned around. The Board cannot abate it because the law says you pay tax on the Property you have on January 1, 2004. The Board explained to him that his next step is the Appellate Tax Board. They told him the process for applying. Ms. Sangiolo suggested that the DOR information regarding horses be sent to all horse owners. Mr. Kopec suggested putting it in the paper.
 3. Steve Webber was present to question information published on the Groton Town website under an Assessor Advisory column regarding Proposition 2 ½. The Board explained how the budget process is done and answered all of Mr. Webber's questions.

Additional Information

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30pm in the Assessor's office.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn at 5:05pm. Ms. Sangiolo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm by Mr. Kopec.