

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014
Called to Order: 1:45 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 3:30 pm
Members Present: Don Graham, Joe Theriault, Debbie George
Other(s) Present: Linda Couture, Sue Fitterman, Harald Scheid

The minutes from February 20th were approved.

Ongoing Business:

1. The board discussed the Action Item List from their February 20th meeting.
2. Review Draft BOA Policies: Joe will revise the draft BOA policies based upon input from the group.
3. Solar Garden/PILOT Update: Harald attended the March 18th Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss a PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) agreement with the Harvard Solar Garden. At that meeting, he said the Department of Revenue recently stated that the valuation within a PILOT must reflect fair market value. Harald is awaiting a ruling from the Appellate Tax Board on a similar project located in Westborough which will provide guidance on how best to proceed. The Harvard Solar Garden is still seeking exemption which if passed will not require a PILOT.

Harald will attend the Annual Town Meeting on April 2nd to field any questions regarding Warrant Article 48: Home Rule Legislation – To Make Community Solar Shares Exempt from Local Taxation.

4. Review RRG Calendar:

- Annual income and expense surveys will be mailed soon.
- Work is continuing on supplemental bills.
- Harald and Linda met with DOR's certification advisor Bruce Morgan to discuss Harvard's triennial revaluation.

New Business:

1. Sue Fitterman has resigned from the position of Assistant Assessor and her last day of work will be April 11th. The open position has been posted on the Town of Harvard website.
2. The board signed the Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Report.

3. Review FY14 Abatement Applications

a. On a Graham/George motion, the board voted 3-0 to deny the following abatement application:

<u>Owner Name</u>	<u>Property Location</u>
MERA07 LLC, The Harvard General Store	1 Still River Road

b. On a Graham/George motion, the board voted 3-0 to approve the following abatement applications:

<u>Owner Name</u>	<u>Property Location</u>
Stinney	35 Lancaster County Rd, #6A
Tantengco	35 Lancaster County Rd, #1C
Ryan & Dorn	72 Park Lane
Ellis	62 South Shaker Rd
Marr	98 Tahanto Trail
AT&T Mobility II LLC	Personal Property at various locations
Pin Hill LLC	Under Pin Hill Rd

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 1:45 pm.

Date Approved: 4-10-14


Joseph R. Theriault


Debra M. George


Don Graham