

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT**

April 8, 2013

Members Present: Sarah Reynolds; Chair, Jacqueline Cashin, Simon Dean.

The meeting was convened at 7:32 p.m.

1. The Board reviewed the minutes from their 3/25/13 meeting. On a motion by Reynolds and seconded by Cashin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes, as written.
2. The Board reviewed and signed the monthly list of motor vehicle abatements for March, 2013.
3. The Board reviewed and signed the list of personal exemptions for Fiscal Year 2013.
4. The Board reviewed and signed the record of exemption pages.
5. The Board reviewed and signed Notices of Late (No) Application for Chapter 61A/61B property. Due to the fact that applications for Chapter 61A/61B classification were not received by the deadline, these properties will be removed from Chapter classification for Fiscal Year 2014.
6. The Board reviewed the construction reports and the deeds for March, 2013.
7. The Board discussed their current allowances for senior personal exemptions; MGL, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C. The Board had previously discussed the fact that the gross receipts and whole estate limits were unrealistic when compared with the current cost of living and the economy. The Board reviewed Informational Guideline Release (IGR) 02-209, which explained a local option for Assessors to make adjustments to the requirements which must be met under Clause 41C, by town meeting vote. After some discussion, on a motion by Cashin and seconded by Reynolds, the Board voted unanimously to decrease the minimum age from 70 to 65, increase the exemption amount to \$1,000.00, increase the gross receipts limit to \$16,000.00, if single and \$18,000.00, if married, increase the whole estate limit to \$31,000.00, if single and \$33,000.00, if married, for real estate exemptions of elderly persons, to be effective beginning in Fiscal Year 2014. The Board signed an article for this to appear on the May 28th, 2013 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

At 7:52 p.m., on a motion by Dean and seconded by Cashin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public meeting.

At 7:52 p.m., on a motion by Reynolds and seconded by Dean, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session with the intent of not returning to open meeting afterwards, in order to deliberate on pending abatement and/or exemption applications.

Roll Call:

Voting yes: Reynolds, Cashin, Dean

Voting no: None

Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlene Millett,
Assessor's Secretary

List of Documents Viewed in Public Meeting of April 8, 2013*

1. Minutes from the meetings of 3/25/13.
2. Monthly motor vehicle abatements for March, 2013.
3. Fiscal Year 2013 List of personal exemptions, dated 4/8/13.
4. Record of exemption pages, dated 4/8/13.
5. Notice of Late (No) application for Chapter 61A/61B property for Fiscal Year 2014, dated 4/8/13:
 - a. William & Elizabeth MacLeish (Chapter 61B).
 - b. Douglas Forbes & Lida Bihun-Forbes (Chapter 61B).
 - c. Ivy Palmer (Chapter 61A).
 - d. Berkshire East Ski Resort (Chapter 61B).
 - e. John W. Glaze (Chapter 61A).
6. Building construction report for March, 2013.
7. Deeds for March, 2013.
8. IGR 02-209, dated September, 2002.
9. Warrant Article regarding MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, dated 4/8/13

***Documents are stored in their respective files in the Assessor's office.**