

**Minutes of the Board of Assessors
Meeting of August 10, 2006**

A meeting of the Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, August 10, 2006 in the Auditorium at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM by Chair, Marylou Blaisdell.

Members Present

Marylou Blaisdell

Dominic D'Antoni

Assessing Staff Present

Robert Lakeman

Gary Turgiss

Jeanne Dunfey

Cheryl Walley

Minutes of the Meeting:

The Board is unable to approve the minutes for the meeting held August 3, 2006 as Chair Marylou Blaisdell did not attend that meeting. The approval of these minutes will be tabled until a meeting when both Dominic D'Antoni and Kevin Moriarty are present.

Abatement Requests Presented:

Approvals/denials are available in the Assessor's Office. Dominic D'Antoni noted that 84% had less than a 7% reduction in their assessment which was due to data changes made after the field inspection. One abatement had a 29% reduction and it had been previously reduced somewhat. Supervisor Jeanne Dunfey explained that sometimes after the denial letters are received by the taxpayer, they call and speak to Chief Assessor Angelo Marino questioning the process and if they ask him to review it, he will do so. In this case he realized there had been a porch included in the 2005 assessment that had not been added until after 4/1/05 so a further reduction to the assessment was made.

Regarding the spreadsheet listing the abatements being presented for denial, Chair Marylou Blaisdell noted that these properties are those for which the owner did not respond to the Assessing Department's request for an inspection or did not keep an appointment made for an inspection. The Board concurred with Chief Assessor Angelo Marino's recommendation of denial for these abatements.

Regarding abatements presented for multi-unit buildings, Commercial Appraiser Robert Lakeman advised the Board that in the future in the interest of time and in order to process as many multi-unit abatements as possible, he is going to summarize the data the Board reviews by utilizing median income and expense figures for multi-unit properties. If there are physical conditions or changes in the market conditions going up or down, then changes would be made to adjust the data accordingly.

Old Business:

Regarding the late filing of the application for a 2006 charitable exemption by The Greater Nashua Dental Connection for the property located at 31 Cross Street, Chair Blaisdell noted that the issue at hand is the late filing of the A9 & A12 form by the organization. The Board needs to decide if the application will be accepted as a late filing. As this is the first time this organization has applied to the Board for a charitable exemption, the Assessing Department will further investigate the charitable nature of the organization to determine if the criteria set by the State (in RSA 72:23) is met. The Assessing Department will then make their recommendation to the Board regarding the 2006 charitable exemption. After the Board thoroughly reviews all information, the exemption will either be granted or denied.

After some discussion concerning the late filing of the 2006 application the Board made the following motion:

MOTION BY Marylou Blaisdell to accept the late filing of the 2006 charitable exemption application (BTLA A9 and A-12 Forms) filed by The Greater Nashua Dental Connection for the property located at 31 Cross Street (per RSA 72:23-c) .

SECONDED BY Dominic D'Antoni.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Staff Items:

The Board agreed to schedule an additional meeting next Thursday, August 17, 2006 for expediting the processing of remaining abatements. This meeting will be in the Auditorium in Nashua City Hall at 8:00 AM.

MOTION BY Dominic D'Antoni to adjourn at 8:30 AM.

SECONDED BY Marylou Blaisdell.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Transcribed by
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