

**Minutes of the Board of Assessors  
Meeting of March 13, 2008**

A meeting of the Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 in the Auditorium on the Third Floor at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Chair Marylou Blaisdell.

**Members Present**

Marylou Blaisdell                      Kevin Moriarty                      Dominic D'Antoni

**Assessing Staff Present**

Angelo Marino                      Robert Gagne                      Cheryl Walley

The Board was introduced to our new Deputy Assessor, Robert Gagne, who began his employment with the City of Nashua on March 3, 2008. The Board members welcomed Mr. Gagne.

**Minutes of the Meeting:**

Minutes for the meeting held on February 14, 2008 were approved unanimously.

**Appointments:** none

**Abatement Requests Presented:**

Approvals/denials are available in the Assessor's Office.

Regarding the appeal of the 2006 abatement filed on 207 Main Street, Chief Assessor Angelo Marino advised the Board that after presenting the tax representative with recent sales of neighboring properties, it is likely this appeal will be withdrawn. He is expecting a final decision within a few hours from the tax representative as the deadline to submit paperwork for the hearing is today. He advised if he does not hear from the tax representative, he will file paperwork with the Court today for the hearing scheduled March 27, 2008.

Mr. Marino presented several 2007 abatements for which he is recommending denial. Some of these have not been signed by the property owner and one was submitted late. For most of these abatements the reason for denial is the taxpayer has not submitted sufficient information to support their claim that they are overassessed. If they wish to pursue their appeal with the Board of Tax and Land Appeals, they will have to provide a little more information.

Mr. Kevin Moriarty asked if these taxpayers have been given an opportunity to address the Board before the Board denies their abatement. Chair Marylou Blaisdell said the opportunity to address the Board of Assessors regarding the abatement should be offered but only to those who have submitted enough information to support their claim. Mr. Marino stated that if there is nothing in the application for abatement that draws us to a conclusion, he does not see any reason to continue pursuing it. Mr. Moriarty said he thinks the average person trusts that the job is being done right and does not understand the process. Mr. Dominic D'Antoni said he believes it is appropriate to deny the abatement when there is no data submitted to support their claim and if the taxpayer does not understand the process, perhaps it is important enough that they should begin to understand. Chair Blaisdell said she has looked at the website and it seems pretty well-worded and easy to understand. The Board was advised that all the information needed to understand the process and what needs to be submitted with the abatement is explained at our website as well as on the abatement form. This year the taxpayer can also print the abatement form off of the website if they do not wish to come in and pick one up. Mr. Marino said that he will continue to concentrate on the ones that provide information we can analyze. Chair Blaisdell suggested that everyone look at the website and see if that makes sense to us and we can continue to discuss this at our next meeting.

**MOTION BY** Marylou Blaisdell to adjourn at 8:45 AM.

**SECONDED BY** Kevin Moriarty.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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