

MINUTES
SCHEDULED MEETING
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
March 11, 2004
Fire Station
Hudson Rd.
Sudbury, Mass.

Present: Chairman Liam Vesely, Assessors Trevor Haydon & David Berry,
Director of Assessing Maureen Hafner & Assistant Assessor Cynthia Gerry

The Statutory requirements for notice having been met, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Vesely at 7:50p.m. at the Sudbury Fire Station, 1st floor conference room.

Fiscal 2004 Certification Update:

Director of Assessing Hafner advised the Board that final certification of the fiscal year 2004 property values has been granted by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Minutes Review:

The minutes of January 28, 2004 were approved as edited.

Lettery Property Right of First Refusal:

The Board of Assessors received a Notice of Intent from Attorney David Wallace on behalf of his clients, the Lettery(i) family. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 61A, section 14, the Town has been given notice of an intent to sell for residential purposes approximately 27.98 ac. of land identified as Map L10 Parcel 600. The classification of Chapter land properties entitles the town to exercise a right of 1st refusal on property for which a bona fide purchase and sale agreement has been accepted. The offer to purchase the land and create a nine lot subdivision has been accepted by the owners in the amount of \$3,000,000. Following discussion on the merits of the Town purchasing the land with community preservation funds and using it for any of the permitted uses under the Community Preservation Act, it was on motion by Assessor Berry unanimously:

VOTED: To support a purchase by the Town utilizing Community Preservation Funds, or any other source of funding the “Town” deems appropriate.

Classification Hearing Update

Director of Assessing Hafner is still working on the “New Growth” figures. She distributed the work in progress LA-13 (new growth worksheet) for the Board’s review. The Board collectively agreed that any revenue figures generated as a result of “New Growth” should not be included in the Overlay account. They should be used to reduce the tax burden of the Town. Assessor Haydon suggested preparing a chart to be included in this year’s classification booklet indicating average taxes on average assessed commercial, and residential properties for the previous four or five years.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.