Templeton Board of Assessors

Meeting Minutes

2-19-14/2014

Present: Brad, John and Luanne. Fred was unable to attend.

Meeting opened at @ 2:20 pm.

Minutes from 1/22/14 meeting were approved.

Motor Vehicle Abatements were signed. (43)

Motor Vehicle Commitments were signed #7 for 2013 and #1 for 2014

Bill Warrant was signed. (1)

Sewer Betterment payoff was signed. (1)

New Business: Discussed information being submitted for the FY15 budget review set to be held on Thursday February 20th with the Advisory Board. This meeting was posted.

 Annual Report for FY13 was reviewed and signed. Year end budget figures were unable to be verified with the Town Accountant due to the books not being closed. A disclosure stating this is at the end of the report. Luanne will submit this to the Board of Selectmen. Reports are due by March 1st. A signed copy is on file in the office.

 Information for an upcoming DOR Course 101 is on hand at the office if any board member wished to attend this. Members will wait until the August class being offered at UMASS Amherst.

Old Business: A request for Special Town Meeting articles for submission was read. However, the deadline has past and the meeting set for March 8th has been canceled by the Board of Selectmen at their 2-18-14 meeting.

 A request for a Service Impact Statement with a 5% reduction in this years budget was reviewed and Luanne stated she has already responded to this and a copy is on file in the office.

 The Board discussed the article in the Gardner News today in regards to the Special Town Meeting being canceled and the impact this will have on the tax rate getting set. Luanne will keep the updated in regards to FY13 books being closed, free cash being certified and the tax rate getting set.

A motion was made to go into executive session at 2:50 p.m. by John and seconded by Brad. The reason for this is to review FY 14 Real Estate Exemption Applications.

A motion to come out of executive session at 2:54 p.m. by John and seconded by Brad.

1-17D and 2-41C Exemptions were approved.

Luanne reminded the Board of her upcoming vacation time. The office will be closed Wednesday, February 26 and will reopen on Monday March 10th. This will be posted on the door and a message will be left on the answering machine. The March 5th Board of Assessor’s meeting will be canceled and the next meeting is scheduled for March 19th at 2 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn @ 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.