

**Town of Hopkinton
Board of Assessors**

Minutes of Meeting held April 19, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Assessors was held on April 19, 2005 in the first floor conference room at the Town Hall. A Notice of Meeting was duly posted.

The meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were John Duffy, Edward Mills and John Palmer, all the members of the Board. Also in attendance were Robert Bushway, Principal Assessor and Elizabeth Sher, Administrative Assistant. John Duffy presided and John Palmer kept the minutes.

The minutes of the meetings of April 12 and April 15, 2005 were approved.

The Board signed the following documents:

Bills payable warrant

Rollback tax and related release of lien forms for Braim property at 63 Front St.

At this point, Ms. Sher left the meeting.

Mr. William McRobert representing the Hopkinton Charter Commission joined the meeting at 6:00 pm. Mr. McRobert informed the Board that under the proposed Charter, the position of Principal Assessor would now report to the new position of Chief Financial Officer and not to the elected Board of Assessors. The Board expressed its extreme displeasure with this Charter Commission proposal.

The Board approved 4 applications for abatement for FY 2005 real estate taxes. Mr. Lyons, owner of 29 School St., appeared before the Board to present arguments concerning his application.

Mr. Bushway informed the Board that Valpey Fisher Co. filed a petition with the ATB concerning its FY 2005 real estate tax assessment. Also, Mr. Bushway presented his latest projections for "new growth" for FY 2006 and provided further information on the computer technology needs of the Assessors Office. Discussion took place concerning these matters.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 10, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Palmer, Clerk