

**Town of Hopkinton
Board of Assessors**

Minutes of Meeting held May 23, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Assessors was held on May 23, 2006 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 was Robert Bushway, Principal Assessor. John Palmer called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the reorganization of the Board following the annual Town election on May 15. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that John Duffy is elected as Chairman and John Palmer is elected as Clerk. Thereupon, John Duffy presided and John Palmer kept the minutes.

The minutes of the meetings of May 9, 2006 were approved subject to correction of a minor item.

The Board signed the following documents:

- Bills payable warrant
- MVE warrants and commitments #s 2005/9 and 2006/3
- Certification for State Reimbursement of Property Tax Exemptions for FY 2006

Matters discussed or acted upon:

- Mr. Bushway presented an update on the FY 2007 revaluation program
- Mr. Bushway provided a report on the "Terry" property rollback tax matter
- The Board approved the submission of an abatement request for the 73 Grove St. property used by a non-profit organization
- The Board requested that Mr. Bushway inform all public charities of their obligation to file annual reports with the Assessor's office
- A brief discussion of the telecommunication company cases took place. A more extensive discussion was planned for the next meeting
- Mr. Bushway provided a status report on the unexpended balance of the FY 2006 budget for department expenses. The Board authorized payment of the cost of updating the assessors' maps from a special article approved for revaluation costs

The next meeting was scheduled for June 6, 2006

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palmer, Clerk

