

**Town of Hopkinton  
Board of Assessors**

Minutes of Meeting of June 15, 2006

An emergency meeting of the Board of Assessors was held on June 15, 2006 in Room 215 at the Town Hall. The purpose for the meeting was to consider whether to file a petition to the Appellate Tax Board concerning the personal property valuation of Bell Atlantic Mobile.

The meeting commenced at 11:12 a.m. In attendance in person were John Duffy and John Palmer. Edward Mills attended by telephone. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Robert Bushway, Principal Assessor. John Duffy presided and John Palmer kept the minutes.

For FY 2007, the Department of Revenue centrally valued the personal property of Bell Atlantic Mobile in Hopkinton at \$15,000. On May 15, 2006, in connection with a FY 2004 case, the Appellate Tax Board decided that Bell Atlantic Mobile was not a telephone company and, consequently, its personal property should not have been centrally valued. This decision is subject to appeal. If Bell Atlantic Mobile is ultimately determined not to be a telephone company, its FY 2007 personal property values in Hopkinton would be substantially greater than \$15,000. In the meantime, the Board of Assessors has requested that Bell Atlantic Mobile file a Form of List with the Town so the Town can assess its personal property for FY 2007 as if it is not a telephone company. Section 39 of MGL Chapter 59 permits a city or town to appeal the central valuation of a telephone company by petition to the Appellate Tax Board. For FY 2007, such a petition must be filed no later than June 15, 2006. After an extensive discussion, upon a motion made and seconded, the Board voted 2-0 not to file a petition to the Appellate Tax Board concerning the Bell Atlantic Mobile central valuation. Edward Mills did not vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Palmer, Clerk