

# Town of Newbury, MA

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## Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes 09-02-2014



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### September 2, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman B. Kelley, Mr. S. Wechsler and Principal Assessor M. Branciforte

The meeting opened at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Wechsler updated Chairman Kelley and Principal Assessor Branciforte on his findings regarding parcel 39-0-2. Moving forward, the assessors will let the Treasurer/Collector continue the findings with Coppola and Coppola and proceed accordingly possible with a tax taking.

Open and Executive minutes from the August 19, 2014 meeting were approved and signed. August abatements report was signed.

Principal Assessor concerns: Principal Assessor Branciforte presented to Chairman Kelley and Mr. Wechsler the fact that Chapter Land Applications have not been managed properly in the past. Previously, 80% of applications for Ch. 61A were submitted with missing financial documentation to support the applications. Two taxpayers never submitted applications for FY2015. In light of the fact that the DOR requirements are quite specific regarding Chapter Land status and the application process, Principal Assessor Branciforte sent out a packet including a brochure explaining Ch. 61A and Ch. 61B to each taxpayer with land classified under this status. She further explained that incomplete applications will be brought forth to the BOA, and will have to be denied by a vote. Those taxpayers who wish to provide the proper financial documentation to support their application, will be able to apply for a modification of decision. Those who chose not to provide the required documentation, will be taken out of Chapter status and placed on the regular tax roll. All chapter applications will be reviewed by DOR personnel.

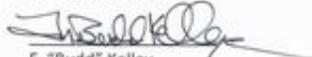
The next item discussed was setting up the next meeting date. Next meeting will take place on September 16, 2014 at 6:00PM.

At 6:55 p.m. Chairman Kelley motioned to adjourn the open session. Mr. Wechsler seconded the motion. The following roll call vote was taken:

Chairman Kelley – yes

Mr. Wechsler - yes

All were in favor.

  
 F. "Budd" Kelley

  
 Sanford "Sandy" Wechsler