

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

May 13, 2015

Minutes of Assessors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:08pm. Chairman Callahan, Clerk Cornellier, Member Bresnahan, Assessing Administrator Hogan and Assessing Department Assistant Jacquelyn Guthrie were present.

The Board of Assessors read the agenda for May 13, 2015. A motion was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0 to accept the agenda as written.

The Board of Assessors read the minutes of 4/29/2015. A motion was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0 to accept the minutes as written.

Assessing Administrator Hogan presented the Board with the April 2015 Automobile Excise Abatement Report. A motion was made to approve the April 2015 Automobile Excise Abatement Report, seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0. The Board signed hard copies of the report for the file.

The Assessing Administrator and the Board of Assessors discussed the recent State Appellate Tax Board (ATB) case Forrestall Enterprises, Inc. v. the Town of Westborough where the ATB ruled that the solar panels were exempt from local taxation though only a portion of the power generated by the panels is consumed on site.

The Assessing Administrator presented the Board with a written request to produce documents submitted by the Arvidson Family Trust, Clayton Arvidson Trustee. Mr. Arvidson requested tax and valuation information relating to 19 Fitchburg Road for tax years 1995-2015. Mr. Hogan presented the documents to the Board for their review and explained that the town's property record information only goes back as far as tax year 2005. Clerk Cornellier made a motion to release the records as requested. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Board of Assessors discussed the FY2016 preliminary tax bill process. The Assessing Administrator proposed that the Board of Assessors, as permitted by statute, consider increasing the FY2016 real and personal property tax commitment amounts by 2.5 percent to insure a more equalized distribution of real and personal property taxes over the FY2016 tax billing cycle. Clerk Cornellier made a motion to approve the 2.5 percent adjustment to the FY2016 Tax Commitment. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0.

At 3:32pm, in accordance with MGL Chapter 59 Section 60, Member Bresnahan called for a motion to go into Executive Session to read the minutes of the April 29, 2015 Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Clerk Cornellier. Vote: Clerk Cornellier: Aye; Member Bresnahan: Aye; Chairman Callahan: Aye. Motion passes by a vote of 3-0. Open Session will reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

At 3:34pm, the Board reconvened into Open Session.

Old Business:

There were no old business topics brought up for discussion.

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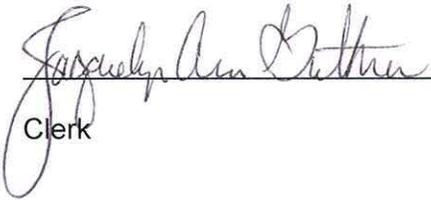
New Business:

The Assessing Administrator informed the Board that, on May 12th, he met with Mr. Gerald Natalee and Ms. Paula Berry of Real Estate Research Consultants (RRC). Ms. Berry will be conducting residential property inspections as part of the town's cyclical re-inspection program.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 2:00pm.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0 to adjourn at 3:46pm

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk

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