

Board of Assessors
Minutes of Meeting
November 12, 2019

6:00 p.m.: Meeting came to order with Thomas Barry, Chairman; Donald Minney, Vice Chairman; Raymond Goff, Clerk; and John Whelihan, Director of Assessments present.

Documents Used: Notification from the DLS regarding preliminary valuation approval
Public Notice regarding the preliminary valuations (rough draft)
Updated Registry of Deeds fee schedule
DPW Vehicle Inspection Report

Signatures:

- Schedule of Bills Payable: \$163.79
- Schedule of Bills Payable: \$27.11
- Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 Motor Vehicle Excise (MVE) \$636.67
- Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 MVE \$778.13
- Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 MVE \$609.28
- Chapter 61A Lien release; 205 North St (216-38.011)

6:00 p.m. Appointment with Attorney John Edwards

Due to Mr. Whelihan's notary commission expiring, Attorney Edwards came before the Board to notarize a Chapter 61A lien release for his client Henry Whitlock. There is a signed purchase and sale agreement for Mr. Whitlock's property at 205 North St. Attorney Edwards complemented the staff before leaving the meeting.

Old Business:

- Mr. Whelihan stated that the office received preliminary certification of the FY20 values from the Division of Local Services. Before receiving final certification, a public disclosure period will take place until November 21. The FY20 values are posted on the town website. Counter listings have also been placed at the Senior Center and Library. Notification of the public disclosure period was provided via a postcard to owners of apartments and second (summer) homes.

The Board decided to hold the classification hearing with the Selectmen on December 9th. Mr. Whelihan stated that Treasurer/Collector, Lisa Banner would prefer to have the hearing held on an earlier date. Mr. Whelihan stated that although the classification hearing is being held a week later than anticipated, the tax bills should be mailed in a timely manner.

- The Board discussed the current policy of having our vehicle serviced by the Department of Public Works (DPW). Mr. Whelihan stated that although the office is saving on labor costs, we still have to pay for the supplies. Adhering to DPW policy, the Assessors office needs to submit a monthly vehicle maintenance report. Discussion arose over the proper way to fill out the form. Mr. Barry will contact DPW Director, Steve Williams and clarify what types of vehicle maintenance services they provide.

- The Board is still attempting to schedule a meeting with Brian Boudreau to discuss his chapter 61B land on Rural Street.
- Mr. Whelihan is attempting to schedule a time to preform Chapter 61A field review for Chapter 61A land owned by Bruce Clark at 148 Bay Rd. Discussion arose over the Assessors oversight authority regarding properties classified as chapter land.

Discussion/Decision:

- Mr. Whelihan invited members of the Board to attend an upcoming meeting with Matthew & Lindsey Baird of 243 Allen Rd. The Selectmen’s Office has scheduled a meeting with Bairds and various municipal offices to discuss a distillery business they are attempting to open.
- Cheryl Coakley- Rivera, Hampden County Register of Deeds, was the main speaker at the Hampden/Hampshire Counties Fall Seminar. She stated that recording fees will be increasing throughout the Commonwealth on December 31. The increased income will be used primarily to fund the Community Preservation Act.
- The Board denied a 2019 MVE abatement application for Brooke Stebbins. The vehicle was not disposed of.
- Mr. Minney made the motion to accept the regular session and executive session minutes of October 22. Mr. Goff seconded. The motion passed 3-0.
- The Board acknowledged that Mr. Whelihan was recently elected to the Holyoke School Committee.

7:15 p.m. Mr. Barry made the motion to adjourn the regular session and move into executive session to discuss FY20 exemption applications under Purpose 7 of MGL Ch 30A, s. 21(a) to comply with or act under the authority of MGL Ch 59, s. 60 with respect to confidentiality, and not reconvene in regular session. Mr. Minney seconded the motion.

Barry	Yes
Minney	Yes
Goff	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Goff
Clerk

Board of Assessors
 Minutes of Executive Session
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7:15 p.m.: Meeting came to order with Thomas Barry, Chairman; Donald Minney, Vice Chairman; Raymond Goff, Clerk; and John Whelihan, Director of Assessments present

The Board approved the following FY20 Exemption applications. All votes were unanimous at 3-0

NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PARCEL ID	EXEMPTION
Gibbons, Brian	79 Mountain View Drive-	263-157.1	Cl. 22
Hresko, Thomas R.	11 Laurel Ridge Drive	254-19	Cl. 22
Johnson, Dale P.	244 Franklin Street	269-17	Cl. 22
Vageline, William	2 Pine Street	109-1	Cl. 22
Wood, Debra L.	14 Forest Road	255-45	Cl. 22
Delgado-Bachmann, Nancy	9 Bunker Way	261-29	Cl. 22E
Kendall, Bobbie M.	29 Allen Road	232-129	Cl. 22E <i>NEW</i>
Turney, Christian P.	37 Daniel Square	240-9	Cl. 22E <i>NEW</i>
Blanchette, Gertrude	65 Daniel Square	240-20	Cl. 41C+CPA
Borchers, Jeanne I.	19 Metacomet Street	103-39	Cl. 41C+CPA
Daughtrey, Toni L.	480 Amherst Road	215-13	Cl. 41C+CPA
D'Ordine, Michael	36 Daniel Square	240-26	Cl. 41C+CPA
Howard, Charles F.	82 Jackson Street	243-7	Cl. 41C

The Board denied the following FY20 exemption application. The vote was 3-0

DENIAL:			
Niejadlik, Joan	73 Green Avenue	266-29	Cl. 41C

7:35 p.m.: Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Goff
 Clerk

