

Board of Assessors
Minutes of Meeting
November 26, 2019

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

Incoming Correspondence:

- Notice of Preliminary Certification from the DOR
- Memo from the Board of Selectmen: Holiday hours for the Town Hall
- Memo to Division of Local Services regarding the FY20 apartment values

Documents Used:

- LA-10 property valuation changes

Signatures:

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| • Schedule of Bills Payable: | \$5,261.94 |
| • Warrant & Commitment; 2019 Motor Vehicle Excise (MVE) | \$37,617.56 |
| • Warrant & Commitment;
Tri-Lakes Sewer Assessment payoff (106-71) | \$3,305.97 |
| • Warrant & Commitment;
Chapter 61 Penalty Tax (241-18) | \$251.50 |
| • Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 MVE | \$2,943.94 |
| • Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 MVE | \$6,458.86 |

6:15 p.m.: Meeting with Brian Boudreau and Sierra Humiston

Mr. Boudreau came before the Board to discuss his FY21 Chapter 61B application. Mr. Boudreau plans to construct a house on the property in 2020. Mr. Whelihan provided Mr. Boudreau with forms necessary to remove acreage from classification. Discussion arose over the applicant's responsibility in maintaining the classified acres as open space. All parties agreed that two acres should be removed from classification. This would allow Mr. Boudreau to build his house plus enough acreage to potentially build a barn or garage.

6:30 p.m.: Mr. Boudreau and Ms. Humiston left the meeting.

Old Business:

- Mr. Whelihan stated that the FY20 valuations have been approved by the Division of Local Services. The Classification Hearing is scheduled for December 9th at 7:20 p.m. Discussion arose over the increase in apartment values.
- Mr. Barry and Zach Bombard performed a field review for property located at 1206 Federal St. (Moonlit Farms). He described the equine activities on the property including the indoor riding areas.

Discussion/Decision:

- Mr. Goff made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 11 regular session and executive session meetings. Mr. Barry seconded. The motion passed 2-0.
- The Board agreed to pay the cost for Mr. Whelihan to attend the Hampden/Hampshire Counties Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on December 5 in Holyoke.
- The Board authorized Mr. Whelihan to submit documents necessary in setting the FY20 tax rate through the municipal Gateway system. The Board is also required to submit certain documents pertaining to the tax rate through Gateway.

The Board approved the following FY21 Chapter 61B applications. All votes were 2-0

Applicant	Address	Decision
Moonlit Farms	1206 federal Street	Classify 22.14 acres in Chapter 61B
Brian Boudreau	George Hannum (241-23.4)	Classify 13.7 acres in Chapter 61B

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 9th at 6:30 p.m. The Classification Hearing will begin at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Barry and Mr. Goff may not be able to attend the meeting or hearing that night.

7:15 p.m. Mr. Barry made the motion to adjourn the regular session and move into executive session to discuss FY20 exemption applications and Chapter 61A 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. Goff seconded the motion.

Barry	Yes
Goff	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Goff
Clerk

Board of Assessors
Minutes of Executive Session
November 26, 2019

7:15 p.m.: Meeting came to order with Thomas Barry, Chairman; Ray Goff, Clerk; and John Whelihan, Director of Assessments present. Donald Minney, Vice Chairman was absent.

The Board approved the following FY20 Exemption applications. All votes were unanimous at 2-0

NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PARCEL ID	EXEMPTION
Jones, Diana B.	19 Barton Avenue	251-108	Cl. 17D
Erard, Michael C.	22 Catherine Drive	105-81	Cl. 22
O'Brien, Kevin	565 North Washington Street	268-22.03	Cl. 22C
Henneman, June	29 Tucker Lane	238-168	Cl. 41C

The Board approved the following the FY21 Chapter 61A applications. All votes were unanimous at 2-0

Applicant	Address	Chapter	Discussion
Shannon Slate	211 Barrett St	Chapter 61A	Mr. Whelihan will send the applicant a letter detailing the minimum income requirements for Chapter 61A.

Mr. Whelihan and Mr. Minney recently conducted a field review for property located 148 Bay Rd. The property is owned by Bruce & Karen Clark. The Board tabled the Chapter 61A application until a later date.

7:45 p.m.: Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Goff
Clerk