

Board of Assessors  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 21, 2019



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

Incoming Correspondence:

- Invitation to the Hampden/Hampshire Counties Assessors Association (HHCAA) Summer Picnic on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- FY20 Finance Committee Report

Signatures:

- Schedule of Bills Payable: \$205.70
- Warrant & Commitment; Ch 61B Penalty Rollback tax  
272-81 & 81.01 \$3,233.97
- Monthly List of Abatements; FY19 Real Estate \$1,015.00
- Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 MVE \$3,877.55
- Revised Chapter 61B Lien; 15 N. Liberty St (261-89.03)

Old Business:

- Mr. Whelihan stated that the first quarter fiscal year 2020 valuations have been finalized. The office will start the process of creating the tax commitment. The FY20 revaluation will be underway soon.
- The two town meeting warrant articles endorsed by the Assessors passed. The Clause 41C elderly tax exemption will increase to \$1,000. The minimum personal property value was increased to \$6,000 in value. Both changes will take effect in FY20.
- The Board was disappointed with the lack of due diligence by the town meeting voters. The rate of spending seems unsustainable. The salary compensation plan is adjusted on an annual basis without justification.

Discussion/Decision:

- The Board re-organized for fiscal year 2020.  
Tom Barry Chairman  
Donald Minney Vice Chairman  
Raymond Goff Clerk

All votes were unanimous

- Due to fire damage, The Board unanimously granted reverse supplemental tax abatements in accordance with MGL, Ch 59, Sec 2D, for the following properties;

Leon & Elizabeth French	357 Rockrimmon St (263-94)	\$1,288.23
David & Leah Jalbert	85 Wilson St (216-86)	\$699.14

The Board discussed adopting a policy regarding future reverse supplemental tax abatements.

- Mr. Barry made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2019 regular session & executive session. Mr. Goff seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board will next meet on June 11 @ 6 p.m.

6:55 p.m.: Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Goff  
Clerk