

Board of Assessors  
Minutes of Meeting  
October 30, 2018

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.

Documents Used: FY16 tax settlement agreement between Northampton Board of Assessors & Village Hill Equity LLC.

- The Board conducted a field review at 51 Ware Rd owned by James Hodgen at 5:00 pm.

The Board discussed a counter proposal from Belchertown Heights LLC regarding property they own at 99 Front St. The assisted living facility is being assessed in FY19. The counter offer negotiated by Attorney Ken Gurge is as followed.

FY 2019	1,250,000
FY 2020	2,250,000
FY 2021	3,250,000
FY 2022	4,000,000

The Board noted that Belchertown Heights basically split the difference from the Assessors last proposal. Although both parties agreed with the FY 2022 assessment, they were at odds concerning FY 2019-2021. The Board discussed the costs associated with having the case tried at the Appellate Tax Board (ATB). Mr. Barry wanted the agreement to include a higher value for fiscal year 2020. Mr. Minney stated that any settlement offer should contain language certifying that the assisted living facility's income & expense data will be reviewed before the FY 2025 revaluation. Mr. Goff stated that since the town's valuations need to be submitted to the Division of Local Services for approval, the Board cannot prolong the negotiations.

Mr. Barry made the motion to accept the counter proposal as presented. Mr. Minney seconded.

Minney	Yes
Barry	Yes
Goff	Yes

- The Board will next meet on November 13 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Minney  
Clerk

