

Board of Assessors
Minutes of Meeting
March 20, 2018

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

Incoming Correspondence:

- Memo from the Board of Selectmen regarding the Assessor's liaison
- Memo from the Planning Board regarding proposed marijuana regulations

Signatures:

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| • Schedule of Bills Payable: | \$292.89 |
| • Schedule of Uncollectible FY17 personal property tax | \$373.85 |
| • Monthly List of Abatements, 2018 MVE | \$1,259.03 |
| • Monthly List of Abatements, 2018 MVE | \$9,113.99 |

Discussion/Decision:

- Mr. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 26 regular session & executive session meetings. Mr. Minney seconded. The motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Goff abstaining.
- Mr. Goff made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 27 meeting. Mr. Barry seconded. The motion passed 3-0.
- The Board denied a 2018 motor vehicle abatement application for Gustnado Rodriquez. The applicant did not supply supporting documentation.
- The Board denied a 2018 motor vehicle abatement application for Alexis Adorno. The vehicle registration was not cancelled.
- The Board reviewed the town's proposed marijuana bylaw. The Board's concerns focused on medical marijuana distributors potentially claiming tax exempt status. The Board would like assurances that the town would capture tax revenue if medical marijuana sites locate in Belchertown.
- The Board tabled Kirk Stephens application to have his personal property classified as farm animal excise (FAE). The Board would invite Mr. Stephens to a future Board meeting.
- The Board approved Mr. Whelihan's request to attend an upcoming assessors meeting in Northampton regarding utility valuation.

- Due to a resignation, the Assessor's liaison position would remain vacant until the Selectmen reorganize in May.
- The next Board meeting would take place on March 27 @ 6:00 p.m.

6:35 p.m.: Mr. Minney made the motion to move into Executive Session to discuss FY18 exemption applications and not reconvene in open session. Mr. Goff seconded.

Barry	Yes
Goff	Yes
Minney	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Barry
Clerk