

Board of Assessors
Minutes of Meeting
May 1, 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.

Documents Used: e-mail sent to the Division of Local Services regarding the Selectmen's authority to enter into PILOT agreements with non-profit organizations.

Signatures:

- Schedule of Bills Payable: \$1,333.33
- Warrant & Commitment; Ch 61 Rollback tax
110 Munsell St (214-10) \$338.20
- Tri-Lakes Sewer Assessment, payment in full
Federal St (102-14) \$3,955.49
- Monthly List of Exemptions; FY18 Real Estate \$1,761.87
- Monthly List of Exemptions; FY18 Real Estate \$1,075.22
- Monthly List of Abatements; FY18 Personal Property \$25.28
- Monthly List of Abatements; 2018 Motor Vehicle Excise \$3,516.97

Discussion/Decision:

The Board approved the following FY19 property tax exemption applications:

| Property Owner | Address |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Belchertown Firefighters Assoc | 31 North Main St |
| Belchertown Historical Assoc | 20 Maple St |
| Belchertown Land Trust | Swift River (various parcels) |
| Belchertown Memorial Post | 41 Pelham Rd |
| CD Realty of Massachusetts | 21 Catherine Drive (new application) |
| Clapp Memorial Library | 19 South Main St |
| Kestrel Trust | Warren Wright Rd (228-56 & 57) |
| Service Net Inc | 109 Stebbins St/14 Fuller St |
| Roman Catholic Bishop of Spfld | 10 Park/ 11 & 24 Jabish |
| Western MA Training Consortium | 7 Chauncey Walker/ 2 Atherton Ln |

- Mr. Minney abstained from the Belchertown Memorial Post's application
- Mr. Barry abstained from the Roman Catholic Church's (11 Jabish St) application
- The remaining applications were unanimously approved 3-0.
- The Board took no action on applications from the Vernon Lodge Building Association and Wing Memorial Hospital.

Old Business:

- Mr. Whelihan stated that the cyclical inspection program for single-family homes continues. Inspection letters were mailed out to residents in the State/Barton/Summit street area.
- Attempts have been made to include the Assessors in tax negotiations with the Belchertown Day School regarding their development proposal at the State School. The Board agreed not to discuss the property classification or valuation of the proposed project until the Day School actually purchases the parcel. If an application for tax exemption is filed with the Board, the Assessors would review and act upon it. A memo would be sent to the Selectmen clarifying the Board's decision regarding this matter.

New Business:

- Mr. Minney made the motion to amended the minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting to add the following language: "To move into Executive Session to discuss FY18 abatement applications, and FY18 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. Barry seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- Mr. Minney made the motion to amend the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting to add the following language: "To move into Executive Session to discuss FY18 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. Barry seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- Mr. Barry made the motion to accept the regular session & executive session minutes of the April 10, 2018 meetings. Mr. Goff seconded. The motion passed 3-0.
- The next Board meeting would be on May 15 @ 6 p.m.

7:45 p.m.: Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Barry
Clerk

