

Board of Assessors
Minutes of Meeting
May 15, 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.

Signatures:

- Schedule of Bills Payable: \$297.44
- Monthly List of Abatement, 2018 Motor Vehicle Excise \$2,977.82

Old Business:

- The Board reviewed a May 3, 2018 memo sent to the Board of Selectmen regarding the proposed Belchertown Day School development project at the state school. As the memo stated, the Assessors valuation responsibilities generally begin after projects are completed.

New Business:

- The Board reviewed the solar projects discussed at town meeting, some of which may be constructed on municipal property. The Selectmen received town meeting approval to enter into negotiations with developers of renewal energy for (PILOT) agreements. Also, several zoning issues involving the marijuana industry were approved at town meeting.

Discussion/Decision:

- Mr. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 1 meeting. Mr. Goff seconded. The motion passed 3-0.
- The Board denied a motor vehicle excise abatement application for Brenda Carey. The vehicle was not disposed of.
- The Board tabled an application from James Hodgen for Farm Animal Excise (FAE) classification. The application was deemed incomplete. Along with failing to provide annual returns for his business items, the applicant has provided little information to substantiate his claim for FAE classification. A letter will be sent to Mr. Hodgen seeking additional information on his business assets.
- The Board would next meet on June 19th at 6:00 p.m.
- Mr. Whelihan and the Board wished Mr. Barry a full recovery regarding his upcoming surgery.

6:55 p.m.: Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Barry
Clerk