

Board of Assessors
Minutes of Meeting
June 19, 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:

- Board of Selectmen reorganization & liaison assignments
- Planning Board reorganization

6:05: p.m.: The Board agreed to deviate from the regular agenda and speak with James Hodgen regarding his personal property. Mr. Hodgen feels he's exempt from paying local personal property taxes because he pays a corporate excise tax. He was displeased with the tone of the letter he received requesting an itemized list (Form of List) of his business assets. Mr. Barry stated that the Board is trying to clean up and organize the personal property accounts. If business owners take the time to provide a detailed list of their assets, the need to estimate data would decrease. Mr. Whelihan and Mr. Hodgen disagreed with his prior level of cooperation regarding his efforts in submitting Forms of List. All parties agreed that Mr. Hodgen does not meet the qualifications for Farm Animal Excise classification. Mr. Minney and Mr. Goff apologized for the tone of the letter. They will review the Massachusetts General Laws regarding how corporations are taxed on the local and state level.

6:25 p.m.: Mr. Hodgen left the meeting

Signatures:

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| • Schedule of Bills Payable: | \$771.67 |
| • Warrant & Commitment; FY19 preliminary real estate | \$13,129,970.46 |
| • Warrant & Commitment; FY19 preliminary per property | \$318,790.76 |
| • Warrant & Commitment; FY19 Community Preservation (CPA) | \$123,526.87 |
| • Warrant & Commitment; 2018 Motor Vehicle Excise (MVE) | \$140,877.98 |
| • Warrant & Commitment; 2018 MVE | \$770.00 |
| • Monthly List of Abatements; 2017 MVE | \$1,845.10 |
| • Monthly List of Abatements; 2018 MVE | \$3,358.00 |
| • Omitted & Revised Assessment Report; FY18 | \$14,624.50 |
| • FY18 Pro-Rata tax 1 Main Street, Unit 3 (243-69A) | \$85.72 |
| • Chapter 61 Affidavit/Lien; Eskett Rd (252-18) | |

Discussion/Decision:

- Mr. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting. Mr. Goff seconded. The motion passed 3-0.
- The Board approved a military excise exemption for John Diggles of 620 Federal St. Mr. Diggles is a non-resident of Massachusetts.
- The Board agreed to allow Mr. Whelihan to join the newly formed Marijuana Host Agreement Committee. There was discussion regarding whether a Board member had to be on the Committee. Mr. Whelihan will seek clarification on this issue.
- The Board thanked Mr. Barry for attending the meeting so soon after his surgery.
- The next Board meeting would be on July 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Barry,
Clerk