

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6:15 pm.

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Present: Chairman McCarthy, Clerk Smith, Member Bunker, and Principal Assessor Donahue.

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WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA

The Board met with attorney Mark Murphy regarding FY17 Real Estate Abatement Application #'s 40, 41 and 62, and Appellate Tax Board Docket #'s F322720-14, F322721-14, F326478-15, F326479-15, F3330719-16, F3330720-16, F3330721-16, and F3330722-16. The Board discussed four properties involved in these appeals which cover a period of time from FY2014 through FY2017. Attorney Murphy was specifically concerned about the significant structural damage sustained on February 9, 2015 as the result of a partial roof collapse caused by heavy snow accumulation. The Board discussed potential tax relief for Mr Murphy's client under MGL CH 59 §2D(e). A question arose whether the roof repairs would meet the statutory requirement of more than a 50 per cent decrease of the total assessed valuation of the property. Attorney Murphy stated that he would provide the documentation necessary for the Board to consider. Another question arose regarding whether the proration of the tax relief would be applicable to Fiscal Year 2015 or Fiscal Year 2016. The Board stated that it would research the matter while awaiting documentation from Attorney Murphy.

The Board signed 'deemed denied' letters regarding FY17 Real Estate Abatement Application #38 and Application #50.

The Board reviewed several pending Appellate Tax Board cases and discussed litigation strategy.

The Board reviewed a settlement agreement by and between the Commissioner of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Verizon New England Inc. and the Board of Assessors of the town of West Bridgewater. After a brief discussion, the Chairman of the Board recommended that the Board execute the agreement in open session.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn executive session and reconvene in open session. Voted favorably 3-0-0 by roll call.

Open session reconvened at 7:06 pm.

I certify the minutes of this meeting to be true and correct to the best of my recollection.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl A. Smith,  
Clerk