

The Board of Assessors met on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman McCarthy, Clerk Smith, Member Stetson and Principal Assessor Donahue. Denise Reyes, Paula Bunker, John Cruz and Lowell Smith were also present at the meeting.

The Board of Assessors reviewed the mail folder.

The Assessors signed the warrant in the amount of \$9.25.

The Board signed the payroll sheets for the period ending 3/18/2017.

Principal Assessor Donahue informed the Board of the West Bridgewater Library Director's invitation to attend an Open House at the library on March 31st from 1 to 2 PM. The Board respectfully declined the invitation.

Principal Assessor Donahue informed the Board of the West Bridgewater Town Clerk's invitation to attend a Local Update of Census Address (LUCA) Kick-Off Workshop, hosted by Secretary of State William Galvin, on March 23rd from 9 AM to 12 PM at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. The Board respectfully declined the invitation.

The Board reviewed and commented on an updated ATB Case List presented by Principal Assessor Donahue.

Principal Assessor Donahue reminded the Board that the Assessors' Annual Report is due by 04/14/17. Principal Assessor Donahue also reminded the Board that its Annual Budget meetings are scheduled for 03/15/17 at 8:25 pm with the Board of Selectmen and 03/16/17 at 8:25 pm with the FINCOM.

Chairman McCarthy allowed several questions to be asked by Ms. Reyes regarding Appellate Tax Board procedures and the town's Overlay Account. Chairman McCarthy candidly answered Ms. Reyes questions; giving a history of his vast work experience and many appearances before the Appellate Tax Board; the principles involved in deciding whether or not to appear before the ATB or to settle cases on the local level; the appraisal process in general; and, the hundreds of thousands of dollars he and the Board members have safeguarded on behalf of the taxpayers of the town of West Bridgewater.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. The Board voted 3-0-0 to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

I certify that the minutes of this meeting are true and accurate to the best of my recollection.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Smith,
Clerk

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