

The Board of Assessors met on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Present were: Chairman McCarthy, Clerk Smith, Member Stetson and Principal Assessor Donahue. Paula Bunker, Denise Reyes, John Cruz, Thomas Hoisington, Mark McCloud 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 \$91.46.

The Board signed the monthly list of Motor Vehicle abatements for March.

The Board of Assessors signed the monthly list of RE/CPA abatements for March.

The Assessors signed (5) Property Tax abatement certificates that were acted on at the meeting of March 1, 2017.

Member Stetson made a motion to accept the regular session minutes of 3/1/17 and 3/15/17 and also the executive session minutes of 3/1/17 as written. The vote was 3-0 in the affirmative.

Member Stetson made a motion on the Board of Selectmen's recommendation to appoint Principal Assessor Donahue, the Records Access Officer for the Board of Assessors. The vote was 3-0 in the affirmative.

Member Stetson made a motion to approve the request of the West Bridgewater Conservation Commission, pursuant to MGL CH 59 §72A, to abate the balance of the FY17 taxes for a property located at 204 River Street, which was recently purchased by the Commission. The property will be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission. The vote was 3-0 in the affirmative.

The Board Members approved the request of the office staff and the Principal Assessor to attend the Plymouth County Assessors Association meeting on April 12, 2017 upon condition that the office will be staffed during their absence.

Principal Assessor Donahue informed the Board of the Open Meeting Law Training scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the Stoughton Town Hall from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Principal Assessor John Donahue may attend.

Motion made by Member Stetson for the Board to enter executive session in accordance with Purpose 7 of the Open Meeting Law (OML) to discuss application(s) for abatement and exemption; to discuss a Public Records Law (PRL) request regarding applications for abatement; to discuss pending ATB cases; to discuss application(s) for tax deferral; and to return to open session to vote on any action recommended during executive session. Seconded by Clerk Smith. The Board voted by roll call (Mr. McCarthy = affirmative, Ms. Smith = affirmative, and Mr. Stetson = affirmative) at 6:40

p.m to enter executive session. The Board returned from executive session into open session at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Clerk Smith and seconded by Member Stetson to abate FY17 Real Estate Abatement Applications 3, 9, 11, 13, 68, and 69 and to deny applications 32, 33, 55, 56, 57, and 70. Voted unanimously. A motion was made by Clerk Smith and seconded by Member Stetson to abate Personal Property Abatement Application 8 and to deny applications 22, 54, and 61. Voted unanimously.

A motion was made by Clerk Smith and seconded by Member Stetson to abate FY16 Real Estate Abatement Applications 3, 45 and 75 along with FY17 Real Estate Abatement Applications 15 and 17 as settlement of respective pending ATB cases. Voted unanimously.

A motion was made by Member Stetson and seconded by Clerk Smith to deny a FY17 Exemption Application (clause 18). The vote was 3-0-0 to deny. A motion was made by Member Stetson and seconded by Clerk Smith to approve a FY17 Tax Deferral Application (clause 41A) upon verification that the applicant previously qualified for said tax deferral. Voted unanimously.

Chairman McCarthy allowed several questions to be asked by Ms. Reyes and Mr. Hoisington regarding Real Estate Taxes. Chairman McCarthy recommended that Ms. Reyes meet with the Principal Assessor during regular business hours as follow-up to her questions. Chairman McCarthy then answered Mr. Hoisington's questions regarding Mr. Hoisington's real estate assessment.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. The Board voted 3-0-0 to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Smith,
Clerk