

The Board of Assessors met on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at approximately 6:10 PM. Present were Chairman Stephen McCarthy, Clerk Cheryl Smith, Member Paula Bunker and Principal Assessor John Donahue. The following members of the public were in attendance: Daniel and Denise Reyes.

The Chairman announced to all in attendance the meeting was being recorded.

No minutes were presented for acceptance or approval.

The Principal Assessor made the following report to the Board:

- The State Senate approved legislation clarifying the language of MGL CH 59 section 5, clause 45, intended to exempt homeowners from taxation of wind and solar energy equipment and to allow taxation of commercial entities. The bill now awaits approval by the House of Representatives. The Board discussed how the proposed legislation may affect pending Appellate Tax Board cases and potential PILOT agreements going forward.
- The Principal Assessor met today with a Department of Revenue (DOR) representative, Jennifer (Silvia) Williams, to create a plan for the Board's FY 2019 Certification program pursuant to the Bureau of Local Assessment's (BLA) Directives which were issued upon completion of the Board's FY 2016 Certification program. The Principal Assessor informed the Board that he and Ms Williams have created a tentative Revaluation Workplan for Fiscal Year 2019 using the DLA's Gateway online template. Mr Donahue stated that he will submit a final Revaluation Workplan for the Board's approval once he calculates the percentage of residential property inspections completed to date.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Planning Board's meeting of February 21st and March 7th. The mail folder also contained two Zoning Board of Appeals' Hearing Notices; one scheduled for April 3rd at 7:00 PM and the other one scheduled for April 3rd at 7:15 PM.

The Board signed all warrants as presented.

The Board reviewed and signed several Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Certificates.

The Board reviewed and signed monthly Motor Vehicle Excise Warrants.

The Board approved an Article for placement on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant seeking approval of updated property tax exemption amounts.

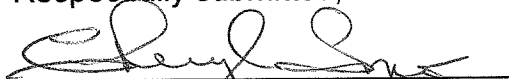
The Board reviewed correspondence from town counsel to the town administrator, dated November 10, 2017, regarding audio recording of a public body's open meetings. NOTE: A copy of the correspondence had been submitted to the Town Clerk's Office by town counsel.

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Chairman McCarthy made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session, under Purpose 7, to discuss Applications for Abatement and Pending Appellate Tax Board cases and not to reconvene into open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Clerk Smith. A roll call was taken as follows: Chairman McCarthy = affirmative, Clerk Smith = affirmative. Member Bunker = affirmative. The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 6:26 PM. The Board exited Executive Session and adjourned at approximately 6:56 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Smith, Clerk