Board of Assessors Meeting of February 15, 2017

Present: Bruce Firger
        John Katz
        Christopher Lamarre, Principal Assessor

1. Meeting called to order by Chris Lamarre at 10:10 a.m.

2. Minutes of November 30, 2016 approved as amended.

3. Old Business:
   a. Mayflower Valuation continues to advance the Cyclical Inspection program as mandated by the Department of Revenue. The program requires every improved property be measured and inspected at least once in a nine year period to ensure accurate data is maintained for assessment purposes. As properties are inspected and changes notated on the property record cards, the Principal Assessor reviews them and enters the corrected data in the CAMA system.
   b. An estimate to convert the current CSC CAMA system, which is being phased out by the DOR, has been received by Patriot Properties and is being reviewed by the Principal Assessor. Assessor Lamarre has experience using the software in a community he previously worked for and is confident that if selected, Patriot would be an upgrade to the existing system in both, real and personal property valuation, functionality and user friendliness and the cost to maintain and operate the software long term. Chris would like to invite Patriot to Town Hall to demonstrate the software to the office.

4. New Business:
   a. The solar installation recently installed by Guido's Market on an adjoining parcel to their existing building does not qualify as taxable under MA General Laws. The electricity being produced will be consumed in its entirety by Guido's Market and is therefore tax exempt. If the power generated was to be sold into the grid as opposed to consumed by Guido's, it would qualify as taxable.

With no further business, at 10:25 and on a motion by Bruce Firger, seconded by John Katz, the regular meeting was closed in order to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing and voting on abatement & exemption applications.

Firger – Yes, Katz – Yes, Lamarre – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Strommer