

Board of Assessors Minutes of Meeting of April 19, 2017

Present: Bruce Firger
Christopher Lamarre, Principal Assessor

1. Meeting called to order by Chris Lamarre at 10:10.
2. Prior Meeting Minutes: None
3. Old Business:
 - a. Cyclical Inspections continue with good progress being made. Mayflower Valuation has been allocating one day per week averaging 18 inspections per week.
 - b. ATB Cases: Chris briefed the Board on the three pending FY 2017 ATB cases. One is a residential case to be heard under the ATB's "informal procedure" rules in either Springfield or Northampton at a yet to be determined date. The other two are commercial properties and will be heard under the "formal procedure" rules in Boston. Dates for those hearing have yet to be determined by the ATB. A Motion to Dismiss based on failure to comply with G.L. c. 59 § 38D (Income & Expense reporting) will be filed on one of the two cases. The other is under review for possible settlement.
4. New Business:
 - a. On April 5, 2017 a tax exempt organization based in Egremont purchased on April 5th a multi-house property on Division St Great Barrington with the intentions of providing housing for special needs adults. Since this acquisition is their first in Great Barrington, they sought guidance on what documents needed to be filed and when in order to be viewed as a charitable organization and become tax exempt. Their representative requested an extension, if necessary, to filing the requisite documents in order to attain exempt status for FY2018. They will submit any and all necessary documentation as required. Chris suggested they review and discuss their financial ability to participate in a PILOT or payment in lieu of taxes program.

Motion: Bruce Firger, to extend filing time for 3ABC
Second: Chris Lamarre
Vote: 2/0

With no further business and on a motion by Bruce Firger, seconded by Chris Lamarre, the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss real estate abatement applications for FY 2017.

Firger – Yes,
Lamarre – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Strommer