

Minutes Board of Assessors Town of Harvard

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013
Called to Order: 1:50 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 3:20 pm
Members Present: Debbie George, Rick Maiore, Joe Theriault
Other(s) Present: Harald Scheid, Linda Couture, Worth Robbins

New Business:

1. Minutes: The minutes from April 11, 2013 were approved.
2. Reports: The board signed a Motor Vehicle Abatement Report and two Real Estate Abatement Reports.
3. Preliminary Billing: Harald requested the board to vote on raising the preliminary bills by 2.5% to even out the taxes for the residents. The board voted 3-0 on a George/Theriault motion to approve the 2.5% to be added to the preliminary bills.

Ongoing Business:

4. Review 3ABC Forms for FY2014: The board discussed the two missing forms for Harvard Historical Society and Trustees of the Bromfield School. The board voted 3-0 on a Maiore/George motion to approve the signing of the remaining 3ABC forms.
5. Update on Solar Projects: Harald has not heard back from the Department of Revenue (DOR) regarding answers to the board's concerns about Solar Gardens possibly being exempt. Mr. Robbins reiterated his previous issues with the board. Harald suggested conducting a survey with a list of questions that would be based around Clause 45 for the board. This information would then be utilized to construct a draft of a possible policy for Solar Gardens that the board could review and discuss at the next BOA meeting.
6. Town Hall Move: The board is waiting on information as to where future meetings will be held.
7. Patios: The board voted 3-0 on a George/Maiore motion to accept the definition of patios and to add patios to the inspections for valuation. The definition reads: "Patios: An open area on the ground, usually adjacent to a dwelling. Can be surrounded by walls. Railings are not required as they are usually built on ground level. They are usually composed of pavers, concrete slab, brick, stone or rock."
8. RRG Calendar: Harald stated that we are up to date on all items for the month. Preliminary billing update is focused for the end of May or beginning of June.

9. Mr. Maiore, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, stated that his term will be up this year and he will not be staying on as his schedule has become very busy. He also stated that he won't leave until someone can take on the position.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday June 6, 2013 at 1:45 pm.

Date Approved: _____

Rick Maiore

Debra M. George

Joseph R. Theriault