

Minutes

Board of Assessors

Town of Harvard

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013
Called to Order: 1:45 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 pm
Members Present: Debbie George, Rick Maiore, Joe Theriault
Other(s) Present: Harald Scheid, Linda Couture, Worth Robbins

Special Meeting to Discuss Solar Gardens

The Department of Revenue (DOR) response was received today, May 16, 2013. Per the letter, the DOR does not feel that the proposed community solar farm system qualifies for exemption under the General Law C59, s5, Clause 45.

Discussion ensued between the Board of Assessors (BOA) and Mr. Scheid. Consensus was to go with the DOR recommendation.

Mr. Robbins was invited to join the meeting and received a copy of the letter from the DOR. He mentioned that the most immediate and constructive route would be to consider a PILOT program. He might also consider holding off if the Legislature will possibly make decisions by this summer regarding Solar Gardens being exempt.

Per Mr. Scheid the PILOT program would need to be taken up with the Board of Selectmen and he will discuss this with the Town Administrator Tim Bragan. The BOA agreed to assist the Board of Selectmen regarding assessment of a Solar Garden.

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