

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
REGULAR MINUTES
January 17, 2017 @ 5:33 P.M.

1. Chairman Paul Buckley called The Board of Assessorø open meeting to order on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:33 P.M. in the Seekonk Board of Assessorø Office. In attendance were Paul Buckley, Chairman, Bill Barker, Clerk, Christopher Pelletier, Vice Chairman & Theodora Gabriel, Town Assessor.
2. **Approval of Minutes of December 20th, 2016:**
Chris made a motion to accept the minutes of December 20, 2016. Accepted by 3-0 vote.
3. **Abatement request FY'17 Map 16, Lot 82:** The Board reviewed and approved the abatement request for Map 16, Lot 82.
4. **Review/Discuss Clause 18 Guidelines:** The board discussed the new guidelines voted at the September 20th, 2016 BOA meeting. Billø objective criteria is to determine the amount given.
Discussion of giving different amounts, based on age/hardship vs setting a fixed amount.
Discussion of the Dr.ø letter of disability.
Theo will get more information from other towns about their Clause 18 policies. This will be addressed again at another meeting.
5. **Review/sign Abatement/Exemption Monthly Reports:** The Board reviewed and signed the Abatement & Exemption Monthly Reports.
6. **MAAO Course 6, Valuation Administration, March 10&25:**
The board discussed the benefits of taking this new 2 day course in Auburn, MA.
Theo will be attending.
7. **MMA Conference, Hynes Convention Center, January 20th & 21st:**
The board discussed this meeting (CSC). With Tyler& Mass IT transferring over to the new system.
8. **Community Speaks:** No one at this time.
9. **Executive Session:** Chris Pelletier made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:16 P.M.
 - a. to review the Executive minutes of December 20th, 2016
 - b. to discuss *Abatements* and *Exemptions* pursuant to G.L.c.30A, Section 21 (a) (7) and G.L.c.59 section 60, as having this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Boardø litigating position.
 - c. Review current *ATB Hearing* dates; per attached list. ó pursuant to G.L.c.30A Sec 21 (a)(7) and G.L. c. 59, Section 60, and G.L. c. 30A Section 21 (a)(3)
Since discussing this matter I open session would be detrimental to the Boardø litigation of this matter.

d. R.I. Seekonk Holdings, LLC, Appeals Court Case #2015-P-1722 –pursuant to G.L.c.30 Sec 21(a) (7) and G.L.c.59, Section 60, and G.L.c. 30A Section21 (a) (3) since discussing this matter in open session would be detrimental to the Board’s litigation of this matter.

e. 320 Fall River, LLC, Superior Court C.A. No. 1673CV00356-pursuant to G.L. c.30A Sec 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 59, Section 60, and G.L. c. 30A Section 21(a)(3) since discussing this matter in open session would be detrimental to the Board’s litigation of this matter.

(To return to regular session.)

Chris Pelletier returned to regular session after recusing himself during the Executive session.

A motion was made by Bill Barker to re-open regular session at 7:05 P.M. and seconded by Chris Pelletier.

Accepted by 3-0 vote.

Returned to regular session at 7:05 P.M.

10. **Approval/Denials of Exemptions:** The Board reviewed and voted by a 3-0 vote to approve Exemptions for:

6 for Clause 41C (Elderly) Exemptions for Map/Lots:

6/217, 24/574, 33/89, 4/53, 25/141, 17/29

2 for Clause 22 (Veteran) Exemptions for Map/Lots:

20/295, 16/165

1 for Clause 37A(Blind) for Map/Lots:

24/560

1 for CPA Exemptions for Map/Lots:

21/34

1 for Clause 17D (Surviving Spouse) exemption for Map/Lot:

6/275

And to Deny Exemptions for:

2 for Clause 41C (Elderly) Exemptions for Map/Lots:

10/127, 19/83,84,85

The Board reviewed and voted by a 3-0 vote to approve abatements for:

4 for Real Property Abatements for Map/Lot: 16/82, 24/497, 21/277, 24/140

3 for Personal Property Abatements for: 57 Mohawk Dr., 150 Read St., 400 Pine St.

And to Deny abatements for:

1 for Real Property Abatement for Map/Lot: 6/245

Chris made a motion to approve/deny these exemptions-Accepted by 3-0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Re-Open Regular Meeting at 7:10 P.M.: Chairman Paul Buckley re-opened Regular Meeting. Bill Barker, informed board that he will not be seeking 2nd term re-election as a member of the Board of Assessors. Bill said; it was a pleasure working with the Board of Assessors for the past three (3) years.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Springer, Secretary