

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
REGULAR MINUTES

September 12, 2017 @ 5:10 P.M.

1. Chairman Paul Buckley called The Board of Assessorø open meeting to order on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:10 P.M. in the Seekonk Board of Assessorø Office. In attendance were Paul Buckley, Chairman, Christopher Pelletier, Vice Chairman, Janet Parker, Clerk, & Theodora Gabriel, Town Assessor.
2. **Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2017:**
Chris Pelletier made a motion to accept the minutes of July 11, 2017. Accepted by 3-0 vote.
3. **Review/sign abatement/exemption certificates:**
None at this time.
4. **Review/sign Monthly Abatement/Exemption Reports:**
The Board reviewed and signed the monthly Abatement and Exemption Reports.
5. **Review/discuss FY17 Annual Report** (BOA section) due 9/22/17.
The Board reviewed the FY17 Annual Report and it was accepted by 3-0 vote.
6. **Discuss CSC Annual Meeting, October 5, 2017, Publick Hse, Sturbridge:**
This meeting is for our CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) system which we will be changing next year.
7. **Discuss MAAO Fall Conference, October 19th, Publick Hse, Sturbridge:**
This is a very informative meeting covering several topics.
Kathleen Colleary from the DOR will be one of the speakers.
Chris and Jan will check their schedules to see if they can attend.
8. **Review abatement request Town owned parcel; Map 3, Lot 5:**
The Board discussed and voted by a 3-0 vote to abatement town owned parcel; Map 3, Lot 5.
9. **Discuss 10,000 Personal Property Exemption (Chapter 59, §5, Clause 54):**
The Board discussed changing the Personal Property Exemption maximum amount of value from 5,000 to 10,000 which will help about 180 small businesses.
State Law has a maximum amount up to 10,000. Theo will find out what other towns current amounts are.
10. **Discuss abolishing Animal Farm Tax (Chapter 59, Section 8A):**
The Board discussed abolishing Animal Farm Tax. They donø have a problem with this, but it would have to be voted at Town Meeting.

11. **Community Speaks:** No one at this time.
12. **Executive Session:** Paul made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:36 P.M. to:
- a. Approve executive minutes of July 11, 2017.
 - b. *Exemptions* per submitted list 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 Board's litigating position.
 - c. *Discuss ATB Appeal(s) per submitted list* pursuant to G.L. c.30A, Section 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.)

A motion was made by Paul Buckley to reopen the regular session at 6:06 P.M. Accepted by 3-0 vote.

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

3 for 17D (Surviving Spouse) Exemptions for Map/Lots:

5/20, 10/109, 1/11

3 for Clause 18 (Hardship) Exemptions for Map/Lots:

5/20, 34/14

21 for Clause 22 (Veteran's) Exemptions for Map/Lots:

10/79, 25/137, 31/169, 24/528, 4/295, 24/376, 24/80, 33/124, 7/139, 17/12, 4/274, 4/126, 12/511, 21/155, 18/168, 6/300, 25/273, 9/202, 30/111

1 for Clause 22B (Veteran's) Exemptions for Map/Lots:

31/140

9 for Clause 22E (Veteran's) Exemptions for Map/Lots:

37/16, 18/117, 2/87, 10/25, 21/257, 24/535, 21/218, 30/23, 33/124

2 for Clause 37A (Blind) Exemptions for Map/Lots:

10/97, 25/74

25 for Clause 41C (Elderly) Exemption for Map/Lots:

6/169, 24/537, 36/13, 19/596, 31/253, 6/177, 5/60, 17/93, 10/106, 31/184, 31/182, 34/15, 6/152, 19/441, 15/216, 7/102, 34/378, 34/48, 33/146, 24/574, 33/89, 33A/30, 34/39, 34/266, 30/202

3 for CPA Exemption for Map/Lot:

5/20, 34/14, 10/109

The Board reviewed and voted by a 3-0 vote to deny Exemptions for:

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

7/297, 7/288, 24/80

1 for Clause 18 (Hardship) Exemption for Map/Lot:

10/109

The Board voted by 3-0 Vote to accept FY15, FY16 & FY17 ATB settlement for 45 Mink St.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October10, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting: Paul won't be able to speak at the men's breakfast at Council of Aging on October 12 because he has jury duty that day. Discussion on topic matter. Chris said he will volunteer to speak with Paul and perhaps someone from our office at the meeting in November.

Paul made a motion to adjourn-accepted by 3-0 vote.
The meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Springer, Secretary