

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
REGULAR MINUTES

October 10, 2017 @ 5:18 P.M.

1. Chairman Paul Buckley called The Board of Assessorø open meeting to order on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 5:18 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 September 12, 2017:**
Chris Pelletier made a motion to accept the minutes of September 12, 2017. Accepted by 3-0 vote.
3. **Review/sign abatement/exemption certificates:**
The Board reviewed and signed the abatement certificates.
4. **Review/sign Motor Vehicle Excise Warrant/Commitment:**
The Board reviewed and signed the Motor Vehicle Excise Warrant & Commitment.
5. **Review/sign Monthly Abatement/Exemption Reports:**
The Board reviewed and signed the monthly Abatement and Exemption Reports.
6. **Discuss: Abolish animal farm tax (chapter 59, section 8A):**
This must go on the ballot-must be 2/3rds.
7. **COA Men's Breakfast meeting Prop 2 ½ on 1/11/18 at 8:00 A.M. and Statutory Exemptions 1/24/18 at 11:00 A.M.** The menø breakfast will be at Totiø and the Statutory Exemption will be at the Council on Aging.
8. **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 called other towns for their current amounts. All towns vary and some donø have any. This could go on the Spring ballot so the Board will discuss it further in February.
9. **Community Speaks:** No one at this time.
10. **Executive Session:** Janet Parker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:30P.M.
to:
 - a. Approve executive minutes of September 12, 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 Boardø 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 Boardø litigation of this matter.

(To return to regular session.)

A motion was made by Paul Buckley to reopen the regular session at 5:55 P.M.
Accepted by 3-0 vote. Chris Pelletier returned to Regular Session.

11. Approval/Denials of Abatements & Exemptions:

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

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

2/40

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

18/114, 18/180, 26/111, 9/219, 15/145, 7/246, 9/38, 6/287, 21/224, 2/73, 15/269,
24/455, 24/498, 33/334, 18/166, 6/165, 15/213, 6/345, 31/33, 2/31, 25/213, 20/258,
16/92, 24/451

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

36/10, 9/77

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

30/132, 33/138, 7/298, 24/534, 24/449

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

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

10/98, 16/41, 12/203, 26/48

12. Approval/Denials of FY'19 Chapter Land Applications:

The Board approved & signed the FY09 Chapter Land Applications.

13. Discuss ATB Appeals: The Board discussed & voted 3-0 on ATB Appeals for:

The Settlement value for Wendyø at 8 Highland Ave. for FY06 & FY07.

The Settlement value of Greenbrier Condos. (7 & 9 Springhouse Trail).

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting: Discussion on Karen Springer winning the "Clerk of the Year" from the MAAO.

Paul made a motion to adjourn-accepted by 3-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Springer, Secretary