

**MINUTES OF:  
Board of Assessors  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday April 26, 2016**

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**PRESENT:**

Chairman: Paul K. Buckley  
William A. Barker  
Christopher G. Pelletier  
Town Assessor: Theodora Gabriel  
Assistant Assessor: Lydia A. Cordeiro

**ABSENT:** All Present

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**1. Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

W. Barker made a motion to approve the regular Board of Assessors minutes of March 22, 2016, seconded by P. Buckley. C. Pelletier abstained.

W. Barker made a motion to approve the Work Session, Board of Assessors minutes of April 5, 2016, seconded by P. Buckley. C. Pelletier abstained.

**3. Reorganization of the Board of Assessors**

P. Buckley clarified to the board the positions and their duties. Vice Chairman to step in when the Chairman is not available. The Clerk would review the minutes.

W. Barker had said from his point of view that Paul has been doing a terrific job as chairman for the past few years and would like him to continue. Also Paul brings a lot of technical expertise to the table.

Paul K. Buckley, Chairman  
W. Barker made the motion, seconded by P. Buckley  
Christopher G. Pelletier, Vice Chairman  
P. Buckley made the motion, seconded by W. Barker  
William Barker, Clerk  
P. Buckley made the motion, seconded by C. Pelletier

**4. Review & Sign the monthly RMV/Boat Reports**

The Board reviewed and signed the March RMV monthly reports for 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016. No Boat Report presented.

**5. Review letter dated April 11, 2016**

T. Gabriel gave the board an update on the *Higgins* complaint that was filed on March 9, 2016. She began giving a quick overview because C. Pelletier being new to the board is not familiar with this complaint filed. The complaint stated we have been violating the Open Meeting Law on executive session because our minutes did not say the purpose of going into Executive Session. Since then we had Town Council review and respond to the letter that *Higgins* sent to us. We had our Agenda reviewed and re-drafted by

Town Council. As of today April 26, 2016 the same individual complained again indicating that the correct M.G.L. Chapter & Section was incorrect. The Town Administrator has been informed that this is the way Town Council has given us the approved agenda format with the proper wording and the new law that had gone into effect M.G.L. Chapter 214, Section 1B.

**6. Review/Discuss and make recommendation if any on the TIF “DRAFT” Agreement. Location: 1977 Fall River Ave. & 75 Hollister Rd.**

The board reviewed the TIF Draft Agreement.

P. Buckley said that as of right now he has nothing to add and that the draft looks fine to him.

W. Barker said that he had one concern regarding creating jobs on page 3.

P. Buckley had said that the total doesn't pertain to the Assessor's Office.

W. Barker stated that the draft looks good.

The board had no recommendations.

W. Barker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. to approve Executive Session minutes of March 22, 2016 and to discuss ATB and Appeals Court cases in relative to Abatements and Exemptions as authorized by G.L. c.59, §60 and/or G.L.c. 214, §1B.

The Board reconvened the Regular Session at 6:37 P.M.

**Statutory Exemptions:**

The board voted to grant 5 . 41C (elderly), 2 . 22 (Veterans),  
2 . 17D (Surviving Spouse), and 1 . CPA exemption.

The Board voted to deny 2 . 41C (elderly), 1 . 17D (Surviving Spouse), and  
3 . 18 (Hardship) exemptions.

**Real Estate Abatements:**

The Board voted to grant abatements for application #s: 102,75,112,& 117

The Board voted to deny abatements for application #s: 107,111,105,106 &  
109

**Community Speaks:**

None at this time

**Town Assessors Report, Meetings & Conferences**

- a. ATB & Appeals Court status, discussed in Executive Session
- b. Assessor's summer conference, C. Pelletier is aware that he needs to take the class within a year. T. Gabriel has already printed the booklet and will provide him with such within the next few days.

**Other Business**

P. Buckley brought up the fact that the Godspeed Fellowship Church has been operating at the Martin School. Also a sign is displayed on the front lawn when church mass is being held.

W. Barker said that he would call the Seekonk superintendent of schools and get more information for the next meeting. He went on to say that the Assessors have no role in this.

T. Gabriel said that these are two exempt entities.

C. Pelletier made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m., seconded by P. Buckley, and so voted unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in the Board of Assessors Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen A. Springer, Secretary  
Lydia Cordeiro, Asst. Assessor