BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING REGULAR MINUTES

May 10, 2016 @ 5:45 P.M.

1. Chairman Paul Buckley called The Board of Assessor's open meeting to order on Tuesday, May 10 at 5:35 P.M. in the Seekonk Board of Assessor's Office.

In attendance were Paul Buckley, Chairman, Chris Pelletier, Assessor, Bill Barker, Assessor, and Theodora Gabriel, Town Assessor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. The board was made aware of the error on the Agenda, to approve the minutes of õMarch 26ö. This should have been for õApril 26ö.

Motion by B. Barker to accept the minutes of April 26, 2016, as amended. Accepted by a 3-0 vote.

3. REVIEW & SIGN MONTHLY RMV/BOAT REPORTS

The Board reviewed and signed the monthly Motor Vehicle Excise.

4. DISCUSS BOA EMAIL SET UP USING SEEKONK-MA.GOV.

P. Buckley suggested setting up email accounts for all board members for BOA business instead of using their personal ones.

5. REVIEW/SIGN CHAPTER 61A LIEN RELEASE (Book: 12844, Page: 248, 2002 Macedo Family Funding Trust), Assessors Map: 1, Lot: 24.

The board discussed and signed the 61A Lien Release which had not been released from 2003.

6. REVIEW/SIGN FY'16 STATUTORY EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT SUBMITTED VIA GATEWAY

The board reviewed and signed the Exemption Reimbursement form for all exemptions granted totaling \$153,435.48.

7. REVIEW OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT (Higgins) FILED 4/26/2016

The board discussed the open meeting law complaint of *Mr. Higgins* and the email response from Atty. Brian Riley regarding using G.L. c.59, §60 and the wording of agendas. T. Gabriel will have Town Counsel review this.

B. Barker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:05 P.M. to discuss ATB and Appeals Court cases in relative to G.L. c.59, §60 and/or G.L. c.214 §1B, to return to regular session. P. Buckley seconded. Accepted by 3-0 vote.

The Board reconvened open session at 6:13 P.M.

8. REVIEW AND APPROVALS/DENIALS OF PENDING ABATEMENTS 7 EXEMPTIONS

The abatements and exemptions have ended.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS: No one at this time.

MEETING/CONFERENCES:

- a. Bristol County Assessor¢s meeting May 19th, here with Mike Flynn from Commercial Appraiser from the City of Newton. Discussion of commercial ATB cases.
- b. New Officials Finance Forum 2016. College of Holy Cross 6/1/16

c. MAAO Summer Conference, June 21-24th in Yarmouth

TOWN ASSESSORS REPORT:

- 1. Abatement applications are done now.
- 2. Preparing FY17 preliminary files for the bills to go out. Lydia & Theo have been out picking up new construction.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting: Board discussed the list prepared by Lydia, of all Assessors since 1911.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Springer, Secretary