

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING  
REGULAR MINUTES

February 21, 2017 @ 5:39 P.M.

1. Chairman Paul Buckley called The Board of Assessorø open meeting to order on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5:39 P.M. in the Seekonk Board of Assessorø Office. In attendance were Paul Buckley, Chairman, Bill Barker, Clerk, & Theodora Gabriel, Town Assessor.  
Christopher Pelletier was not in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 17th, 2017:**  
Bill made a motion to accept the minutes of January 17, 2017. Accepted by 2-0 vote.
3. **Review/Discuss Clause 18 Guidelines:** The board discussed the new guidelines voted at the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 BOA meeting. Theo contacted several towns and none had a written policy. Bill made a motion to establish the amount of line 6 to a fixed amount of \$500, beginning Fiscal Year 2018. Accepted by 2-0 vote.
4. **Review/sign Monthly Reports on Real Estate, Personal Property, Community Preservation Act and Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements and Exemptions:**  
The Board reviewed and signed the Abatement & Exemption Monthly Reports.
5. **Appeals Court Decision on 2/3/1715-P-1722, R.I. Seekonk Holdings LLC vs. Board of Assessors:**  
The appeals court upheld the ATBø decision to deny its property tax abatement requests to the Town of Seekonk, MA. for two fiscal years.
6. **Community Speaks:** No one at this time.
7. **Executive Session:** Paul Buckley made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:54 P.M.
  - a. to review the Executive minutes of January 17th, 2017.
  - 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 the discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Boardø litigating position.
  - c. Discuss ATB Appeals: 320 Fall River LLC, located at 320 Fall River Ave., Docket No. F-329470, and Lowe's Home Center, located at 1000 Fall River Ave., Docket F-330570 & F326446, -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 Boardø litigation of this matter.

(To return to regular session.)

A motion was made by Bill Barker to re-open regular session at 6:52 P.M.

Accepted by 2-0 vote.

10. **Approval/Denials of Exemptions:** The Board reviewed and voted by a 2-0 vote to approve Exemptions for:

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

33/59, 24/534

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

6/382, 28/102

**1 for CPA** Exemptions for Map/Lots:

6/275

And to Deny Exemptions for:

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

12/77

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

12/77

**1 for Clause 18 (Hardship)** Exemptions for Map/Lots:

6/335

The Board reviewed and voted by a 2-0 vote to approve abatements for:

**4 for Real Property** Abatements for Map/Lot: 24/596, 7/315, 2/6, 18/57

**3 for Personal Property** Abatements for: 321 County, 1589 Fall River Ave., 100 School St.

And to Deny abatements for:

**2 for Real Property** Abatement for Map/Lot: 2/103, 15/313

Bill made a motion to approve/deny these exemptions-Accepted by 2-0 vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting:** None at this time.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Springer, Secretary