

Minutes of Meeting

April 28, 2011

Present:

Donlin Murray, Chairman

Robert Cutler, Member

Michael Olson, Member

Harald Scheid, Regional Assessor

Debbie Dreyer, Assistant to Assessor

Meeting Opened at 8:00AM

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Bob Cutler made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 4th meeting, it was 2nd by Mike Olson, all in favor.

Signing of Payroll & Payables

Payables & MV Abatements were signed.

Supplemental Taxes

Harald said that 7-8 years ago the legislature passed a law requiring Assessors to tax new construction from the date of the "Certificate of Occupancy" to the end of the fiscal year. There was a provision offered to compensate homes that suffered a fire, but the Town of Sterling voted to opt-out of that.

If the BOA would like to reinstate this provision, they need to make a presentation to the BOS, the BOS would then make the decision. In light of a recent situation in town, there was a motion by Bob to present this to the BOS in the new fiscal year. The motion was 2nd by Don, all in favor. Harald will contact the Town Administrator to have this put on the agenda for a future BOS meeting.

Review 3ABC Charitable Organizations

The 3ABC Charitable Organization applications were presented, there were no new applications. Bob motioned to accept them, 2nd by Don, Mike abstained from a decision on Horace Mann based on having previous business dealings with them.

Review Real Estate Abatement Applications

The remaining 3 abatements were reviewed – 2 approvals & 1 denial. The abatement reviews are now complete.

Assessor Update

MDC records are all squared away – now they're all on one map in GIS Query. Harald spoke with Jack Lyons of the DOR. Mr. Lyons said he would get the information to us – they are willing to give us whatever they have.

Harald, along with the Town Accountant & Town Treasurer/Collector participated in an hour and a half interview for Moody's Bond Rating – Harald said they were impressed with Sterling's fiscal soundness.

Harald left a message for Ed Bonnell to start site visits.

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Mike, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33AM

Respectfully Submitted

Debbie Dreyer

Assistant to Assessor