

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting August 21, 2017

Present: Donlin Murray (Don), Chairman
Richard Sheppard (Dick), Clerk
Becky Boucher (Becky), Associate Regional Assessor
Debbie Dreyer (Debbie) Assistant to the Assessor

Meeting Opened at 7:36am

Roll Call- Sheppard present, Murray present - along with Becky & Debbie

Approval of Agenda - MOTION: Dick made a motion to accept the agenda, 2nd by Don, all in favor, aye.
Payroll, Payables, any abatements, warrants signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve previous meeting's minutes -MOTION: Dick made a motion to accept the previous meeting's regular minutes (7/17/2017) with noted change & the executive minutes with the same change as regular minutes (not to be released) 2nd by Don, all in favor, aye.

Annual motion to authorize the Assessors to sign Gateway:

MOTION: Don made a motion to sign the authorization, 2nd by Dick, all in favor aye

Chapter Appeal/no executive session needed: Ann Desmarais filed an appeal to the Board's decision to deny her Chapter application for her 4.98 acre parcel . Becky's recommendation is for Ann to work on making her acreage compliant & re-apply next year for a Chapter exemption. Ann also has the right to file for a real estate abatement in January if she chooses.

MOTION: Don made a motion to deny the appeal, 2nd by Dick, all in favor aye

Contract Regional Assessor (RRG) Update

Chapter Review: Bill Burzenski – family land that was taken out of Chapter & deeded to him – it will now be taxed at the regular rate.

Query Mgr: The Board has no need to renew their Query Mgr contract since the Query Mgr online through the Town's website is available for our use.

MOTION: Dick made a motion not to renew the Query Mgr contract, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye

Update/Ed Bonnell: Don spoke to Ed Friday about the schedule for sharing the Town car with the bldg dept. Ed said that the schedule wouldn't work for him. The Board would like Harald to compose a letter to thank Ed for the work he's done for this Board for all these years. We need to think about hiring a new inspector.

Sign Chapter lien, Chapter lien release: New lien for Starbard & lien release for Campobasso signed.

Future agenda items: Values/New Growth, Statutory Exemptions, Chapter Review, Inspector

Next meeting: Monday September 18 @7:30am

Don made a motion to adjourn the meeting @8:51am, 2nd by Dick, all in favor aye.

Respectfully submitted by
Debbie Dreyer Assistant to the Assessor