

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting March 26, 2015

Present: Donlin Murray (Don), Chairman
Robert Cutler (Bob), Vice-Chairman
Michael Rivers (Mike) Clerk
Harald Scheid (Harald), Contract Assessor (RRG/Regional Resource Group)
David Manzello (David), Regional Assessor (RRG/Regional Resource Group)
Debbie Dreyer (Debbie), Assistant to the Assessor

8:43am / Guest: Charla Kroll, taxpayer

Meeting Opened at 8:00am

Roll Call & Approval of Agenda

Donlin Murray aye, Robert Cutler aye, Michael Rivers aye, present along with Harald Scheid, David Manzello & Debbie. Don made a motion to accept the agenda, 2nd by Mike, all in favor, aye.

8:04am – The Chairman moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the next course of action pertaining to Appellate Tax Board case docket number PLE No. 2905. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board of Assessors in accordance with MGL C.30A, Sec.21(a)(3). The Board will re-convene in open session following the Executive meeting. Cutler aye, Rivers aye, Murray aye.

8:18 am – The Board reconvened in open session

Payroll & Payables Signed

The Selectman asked for a signed opinion from the BOA (along with other Boards) in exercising their *Right of 1st Refusal* pertaining to Lot 1, 60 Kendall Hill Road - whether to purchase or not purchase. **Motion to suggest not purchasing** – Bob made the motion, 2nd by Mike, all in favor aye.

CONTRACT REGIONAL ASSESSOR (RRG) UPDATE

Review Real Estate & Personal Property abatement applications – David said we received a total of 12 abatements; 10 Real Estate & 2 Personal Property. The applications were reviewed - there were 5 denials, Mike made the ***motion to deny*** – 2nd by Bob, all in favor aye. There were 3 approvals, Bob made the ***motion to approve***, 2nd by Mike, all in favor aye. The remaining 4 applications will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Review & approve 3ABC Charitable Organization applications – There are 13 returning applications – all are in compliance – no new entities. ***Motion to approve accepted applications list*** - Mike made a motion to approve the list, 2nd by Bob, all in favor aye.

Update on Chapter Land – The new liens are all on older accounts that need to be updated. There are quite a few & we'll need to make arrangements with the Assistant Town Clerk to have them notarized. The whole project should be wrapped up by early May.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 1 Statutory Exemption - Approved & signed

Review application to modify a Chapter decision on 86 Chace Hill Rd - Guest Charla Kroll was present to appeal the Board's decision to deny 61B status for her property. The Board stands behind their decision. Charla will be sending an appeal to the ATB.

Future agenda items: Update/Pandolf, review remaining R.E. abatements

Next meeting for April 1st @7:30am

Mike moved to close the meeting, 2nd Bob Cutler, all in favor, aye.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03am

Attachments: Sterling Board of Assessors Fiscal Year 2016 3ABC Charitable Exemption Applications

References: Abatement Log – RE Fiscal 2015 Sterling,

Respectfully Submitted
Debbie Dreyer
Assistant to the Assessor