

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting March 23, 2018

Present: Donlin Murray (Don), Chairman
Richard Sheppard (Dick), Clerk
Robert Cutler (Bob), Member
Harald Scheid (Harald) Regional Assessor
David Manzello (David) Regional Assessor
Debbie Dreyer (Debbie) Assistant to the Assessor

Meeting Opened at 8:04am

Roll Call- Murray present, Cutler present, Sheppard present (acting as Chair), - along with Harald, Debbie & David
Harald asked if the agenda can be changed so that he can discuss 1 Heywood Rd & also the property lister position first since he needs to leave the meeting early.

Approval of Agenda - MOTION: Don made a motion to accept the agenda with changes, 2nd by Bob, all in favor, aye.

NEW BUSINESS: 1 Heywood Rd – There was a request made for it to be taken out of Chapter – it's actually been out of Chapter for 2 years – it was taken out voluntarily. There was a question as to whether the Town still had the option of First Right of Refusal. This was presented to Town Counsel who said in a verbal response that the Town only has that Right of First Refusal for one year - there's no First Refusal, but rollback taxes are still owed. Harald would like to wait until we have that decision in writing before we go forward with this.

Property Lister – Harald interviewed Jim Chambers for the position. He doesn't have any direct experience, but there will be training - RRG has an annual workshop in early April. He has some potential background experience that might help with some of what he'll be doing. The Board might want to try him out for a season.

Abatements – Harald has an administrative abatement for David Rota, whose barn burnt down on March 10th – the law allows us in a situation like this to prorate the assessment – Harald put together an abatement that would abate part of the taxes (\$136.00) for the barn.

MOTION: Don made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3/9/18 meeting, 2nd by Dick, all in favor aye

R.E. / PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS: David presented his recommendations to the Board. There were 9 denials.

MOTION: The Board made a motion to accept these denials – Don aye, Bob aye, Dick aye
David presented 12 abatement applications for approval.

MOTION: The Board made a motion to accept these approvals – Don aye, Bob aye, Dick aye
There are 9 applications remaining to be presented at our next meeting.

MOTION: To exit Public Session & enter into Executive Session for Property Lister Interview @9:25am – Rollcall: Cutler aye, Murray aye, Sheppard aye.

MOTION: To exit Executive Session & re-enter Public Session @10:05am– Rollcall: Murray aye, Cutler aye, Sheppard aye

References: Abatement Log – RE Fiscal 2018

Future agenda items: Abatements, report on new hire **Next mtg:** 4/9/2018 @8:00am
Rollcall motion to adjourn the meeting @10:14am, Murray aye, Cutler aye, Sheppard aye

Respectfully submitted
Debbie Dreyer
Assistant to the Assessor