

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting August 27, 2018

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

Meeting Opened at 8:05am

Roll Call- Sheppard present, Cutler present, Murray present - along with David & 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 6/8/2018 meeting minutes with the **addition of the re-organization of the BOA to remain the same, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.** **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to accept the 7/23/2018 meeting's minutes with the addition of last names to persons referenced by only their first name for better identification purposes, 2nd by Bob, all in favor, aye.

Statutory Exemption list approved & signed.

CES Solar: Discussed at our last meeting: years ago the pilot agreement was drawn up for the amount \$22,500, but with the fluctuations in valuations & the tax rate every year the amount sometimes falls short & a supplemental bill is issued, other times it's overpaid & we need to process an abatement as is the case this billing. David will checked with Harald on the timing of this abatement & we can do this since we've done it before. David will try in the future to have it adjusted it before the billing file. Abatement approved & signed.

5 Roper Rd – rollback taxes / lien release: There are 2 acres (61A) coming out of the estate – Marina Scheid has calculated preliminary rollback taxes for 2 acres for the past 5 years. David will check the details of this with Harald & we'll discuss at our next meeting. **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to approve the rollback taxes for 2 acres owned by 5 Roper Rd. 2nd by Bob, all in favor aye.

Contract Regional Assessor (RRG) Update: David met with Scott Santangelo (DOR) on Friday – he went through the LA3 report, the sales reports & made just a few changes. After reviewing all the reports David supplied him with, he said everything looks good & doesn't foresee any issues. David presented the Board with the FY19 Major Class Valuation Changes Resulting from Revaluation report. Single Families going up about 6.4%, Condos going up about 10%, Multi Families up 6.7%– 9%, Land down a little, compensated by increasing building values, Commercial up 7.5%, Industrial down 1.5%. Overall the Residential is up by 6.3%, Commercial 7.8%, Industrial 1.46%. The Board approved authorization letter for Harald Scheid & David Manzello / RRG to sign the LA3, LA4, LA13 on behalf of the Board of Assessors in DLS Gateway. **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to approve the letter authorizing the assessors to sign for the Board, 2nd by Bob, all in favor aye. Board's signatures also needed for the Local Assessment Utilities – the 504 Personal Property accounts. **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to approve the signatures, 2nd by Bob, all in favor aye.

Future agenda items: RRG Update, Approval of Values, Statutory Exemption list. Next mtg 9/24/2018 @ 8:00am. Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting @8:46am, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Dreyer Assistant to the Assessor

References: 2019 Major Class Valuation Changes Resulting from Revaluation