**Sterling Board of Assessors**

**Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564**

**Minutes of Meeting October 16, 2023**

**Present: Donlin Murray (Don), Chairman**

 **Richard Sheppard (Dick), Clerk**

 **Hannah Miller (Hannah), Member**

 **Robert Heckman (Rob) Regional Assessor**

 **Debbie Dreyer (Debbie) Assistant to the Assessor**

 **Mike Padula / taxpayer**

**Meeting Opened at 8:30am**

**Roll Call-** Sheppard present, Miller present, Murray present along with Rob & Debbie.

**Approval of Agenda - MOTION:** Dick made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Hannah, all infavor, aye.

**Review any past meeting minutes:** MOTION: Dick made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/18/2023,

2nd by Hannah, all in favor aye.

**Payables, any abatements, warrants signed.**

***NEW BUSINESS:***

Padula / Address: 159 Upper North Row Rd - it has been that address as far back as Mike remembers. The

 change probably happened when there was a road split with Heywood.

Chapterland: Lien releases signed for 184 Justice Hill Rd Cutoff & 56 Kendall Hill Rd

 **Chapter / Davis:** Rob & David Manzello visited Davis Farmland to assess the layout of the properties

 & what adjustments were to be made. Changes were minimal, the only exceptions were the parking

 lots & petting zoo. Davis wasn’t happy with that & will probably be filing for an abatement.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

 Fires: 46 Maple St & 45 Chace Hill: We can make administrative abatements come January. Dick suggests

 letters going out to the owners making them aware of our intent to address this issue.

 Field Cards: Will continue to look into having notations on all cards making it clear that Sterling is a

 Right to Farm Community.

 **RRG Update:**

David Manzello remoted in – mentioned new valuations are out, looks like tax rate will be going down. David

 would like the Board to vote to authorize Rob to represent them & sign the LA4 & LA13 in Gateway.

 VOTE: Sheppard aye, Miller aye, Murray aye.

*Future agenda items:*  Budget, Chapter applications

 *Next mtg: Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting @9:55 am, 2nd by Hannah, all in favor aye.*

 *Respectfully submitted by Debbie Dreyer, Assistant to the Assessor*