

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting September 16, 2019

Present: Donlin Murray (Don), Chairman
Richard Sheppard (Dick), Clerk
David Manzello (David) Regional Assessor
Debbie Dreyer (Debbie) Assistant to the Assessor
Guest: Taxpayer Mike Padula

Meeting Opened at 8:30am

Roll Call- Sheppard present, Murray present - along with David, Debbie & guest Mike Padula

Approval of Agenda - MOTION: Dick made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Don, all in favor, aye.

Payroll, Payables, any abatements, warrants signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guest: Taxpayer Mike Padula: Mr Padula is here to discuss his Chapter land. Mr. Padula has the Chapter application for three parcels owned by multiple owners in two trusts. Mr. Padula would like to remove a 8.3 acre parcel from his application & have it placed on a separate application. There is some discord among the trustees in the two trusts involved with the parcel. David produced a new application with the 8.3 acre property to be mailed to the other trustees.

Approve previous meeting's minutes -MOTION: Dick made a motion to approve the 8/5/2019 meeting minutes, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Chapter Release Lot 2 Justice Hill Rd 18/16 - Board members Sheppard & Murray voted to recommend the Town not purchase Lot 2 Justice Hill Rd since it is a single building lot.

Board members Sheppard & Murray also voted to recommend the Town not purchase Lot 3 Justice Hill Rd since it is a single building lot.

Partial Lien Release: The Board signed two lien releases: Lot 4 Justice Hill Rd/Campobasso & Maple St/Melone.

Statutory Exemption List: List reviewed **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to approve the Statutory Exemptions, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

RRG Update

Growth numbers & Value adjustments – Our New Growth is \$167,435.62 with a value adjustment of 5%

CAI/GIS website – Costs “IT” \$2400/yr. There would be an add-on with advanced queries such as new layers specific to certain departments – for example; we could target criteria to determine our economic neighborhoods & the land pricing which helps on setting values.

Vision 8 Upgrade – When we update Vision there will be an additional \$800 because they need to be a data pull from Vision 6.5 & that needs to be re-programed. Will need to do within a year or two (for FY21). There might possibly be grants available out there that the Town could apply for.

Future agenda items: Chapter, CAI, Jenkins St. Next mtg: 10/21/2019 @ 8:30am. Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting @10:17am, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye. *Respectfully submitted by Debbie Dreyer, Assistant to the Assessor*