

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting January 13, 2020

Present: Donlin Murray (Don), Chairman
Richard Sheppard (Dick), Clerk
David Manzello (David) Regional Assessor
Debbie Dreyer (Debbie) Assistant to the Assessor
Taxpayer Guests Kevin Beaupre & Carol Butler

Meeting Opened at 8:31am

Roll Call- Sheppard present, Murray present - along with David, Debbie & taxpayer guests Kevin Beaupre & Carol Butler

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:

Board discussion with guest taxpayers on valuations: In order to get a better understanding of the assessment process, Regional Assessor David Manzello along with the Board had a discussion with the homeowners on what factors and features are used in estimating valuations. If necessary, David will schedule an inspection to verify the information we have on record.

Approve previous meeting minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes for 12/16/2019. **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Chapter Land Release / Maple Street: The Board reviewed the lot on 67 Maple St. requesting release from 61A of which the Town has the Right of First Refusal. The Board voted 2-0 that the Town not purchase. Reason being it's a 2.5 acre building lot only.

Budget: Budget to be discussed next meeting.

RRG Update

RE & PP Abatements: Only four abatements so far – one administrative abatement.

Future agenda items: Budget, Abatements, 3ABCs. Next mtg: 2/10/2020 @8:30am. Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting @9:41am, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Dreyer, Assistant to the Assessor