

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting October 29, 2018

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

Meeting Opened at 8:00am

Roll Call- Sheppard present, Murray present - along with David & Debbie. Bob Cutler expected to attend.

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:

Approve previous meeting's minutes -MOTION: Dick made a motion to approve the 9/24/2018 meeting minutes, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Sign off on Schedule of Uncollectible Personal Property Tax Bills: We're going to look more into that before we sign off on it.

Statutory Exemption list approved & signed. MOTION: Dick made a motion to approve & sign the Statutory Exemption list, 2nd by Don.

(RRG) Update:

Roper Rd Update: There has been no activity, therefore no update at this time.

Board to sign LA docs, Tax Classification: David had the office copies of the approved LA forms signed by the Board. Those forms included the LA4/comparison report, LA13/transitional values (new growth was \$198,140), LA10/changes that took place after public disclosure. Gateway signatures (Recap) will be done after Classification Hearing.

Review Values & Tax Comparison: Single families parcels are up 12, vacant land down 8 (new homes, reclassified). Assessed values: our total residential went up 6.4%, commercial overall up 7.2%, industrial down 1.5% - a lot of that due to reclassification. The average single-family value for FY19 is going to be \$342,600.

The Tax Classification report was reviewed & discussed.

The Overlay Account: We're looking to put in approximately \$105,000. The five-year average of \$24,000 is what we've expended for abatements & exemptions.

MOTION: Dick made a motion that the Board of Assessors vote to maintain a single tax rate for the Town Of Sterling Fiscal Year 2019, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Future agenda items: Chapter review, Personal Property update, Recap. Next mtg 11/16/2018 @ 8:30am. Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting @9:19am, 2nd by Don, all in favor aye.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Dreyer Assistant to the Assessor