

Sterling Board of Assessors
Room 109, Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park St., Sterling MA 01564
Minutes of Meeting June 19, 2017

Present: Donlin Murray (Don), Chairman
Robert Cutler (Bob), Vice Chairman
Richard Sheppard (Dick), Clerk
Becky Boucher (Becky), Associate Regional Assessor
Debbie Dreyer (Debbie) Assistant to the Assessor

Meeting Opened at 7:30am

Roll Call- Cutler present, Sheppard present, Murray present - along with Becky & Debbie

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

Re-organization of Board- Motion: Bob made a motion to appoint Don as the Chairman, Dick as Vice-Chairman & Bob as Clerk, 2nd by Dick, 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 previous meeting's regular minutes (5/22/2017) & the executive minutes (not to be released) 2nd by Bob, all in favor, aye.

Payroll change forms signed

Executive Session / no need for an executive session this meeting.

Contract Regional Assessor (RRG) Update

Verizon Settlement: The Board approved the abatement at our last meeting – the certificates just need to be signed, entered in Softright & mailed to Verizon today.

Chapter Review: Ann Desmarais: The land is basically wetlands, not buildable – Becky feels that it's more of a conservation issue rather than zoning & that Ann should contact Matt Marro. Becky will compose a letter for the Board to sign.

Lanciani Land Sale: Rollback's been calculated & the Town has already voted on it. Board now needs to sign the release & warrant to collect.

Ed Bonnell: The Town cannot do anything about this. The Board would like to see what Harald would recommend. Bob would like this to go to Town Council.

Overlay release: The Board discussed the overlay release at a previous meeting. **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to release \$70,000 from the overlay account, 2nd by Bob, all in favor aye. Becky will draw up a letter addressed to the BOS, Town Administrator & Town Accountant informing them of the Board's decision for the Board members to sign.

Interim Collector/Treasurer Karen Leclerc visit – Karen stopped by to see if the Board could approve having just one signature on the payroll. **MOTION:** Dick made a motion to have at least 2 sign if possible, 1 if others not available, 2nd by Bob, all in favor aye.

Future agenda items: Property values, Chapter letter review

Next meeting: Monday July 17 @7:30am

Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting @8:34am, 2nd by Bob, all in favor aye.

Respectfully submitted by
Debbie Dreyer Assistant to the Assessor