

SHELBURNE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

Board Members Present: Alan Coutinho, Jim Richardson, Jennifer Morse (Assistant)

Board Member Absent: Joe Mattei

Minutes (minutes approved by all members unless otherwise noted)

Minutes of March 15, 2017

Signatures

Motor Vehicle Abatements (Levy of 2017)

Monthly List Real Estate/Personal Property Levy of 2017 – March 2017

Monthly List Motor Vehicle Levy of 2017 – March 2017

Monthly List Motor Vehicle Levy of 2016 – March 2017

Warrant to Collector – Motor Vehicle Commit #1 Levy of 2017

Warrant to Collector – Motor Vehicle Commit #7 Levy of 2016

Exemptions

Chapter 61B Lien – Harrington

Tax Rate Update/DOR Documents

Jenn shared that the public disclosure period came to an end and the preliminary values were approved on Monday April 10th. The LA10 was submitted as well as the LA13 (new growth) and LA4 (Town & District). The Selectboard Tax Classification is scheduled for Wednesday April 19 at 4 pm. A letter of recommendation for one tax rate was reviewed and signed by the board, attached will be an explanation and LA5 for review. The Fire District will be having their tax classification hearing on Friday April 14th and the paperwork will be forwarded to Jenn to upload. Documents have been sent to Point software for billing as soon as a tax rate is certified. The tax rate is estimated to be \$14.85 for the Town and \$.94 for the District. Documents are also ready for the Shelburne Falls Fire District and Jenn will reach out to Marion Scott for deliverance. Below is a list of documents signed by the Board Members and signed in Gateway by Jenn on behalf of the Board of Assessors

LA10 - Properties changed during public disclosure period by more than 10%

LA4 - Values for the Town

LA4 - Values for the Fire District

LA13 - New Growth Figures for the Town

Letter to the Selectboard regarding Tax Classification recommendations

- Next Meeting review directives set by the Department of Revenue for Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2022 completion

Motor Vehicle Abatement Request

A resident applied for a Motor Vehicle Abatement based on belief of overvaluation. The vehicle is a 2001 Mercedes Benz - Jenn shared that she and the tax collector had both explained the valuation process to the resident and Jenn while with the resident looked up the value of the vehicle new and explained the valuation process by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The vehicle new was valued at \$30,000, after 5 years for the remainder of the vehicles life it is assessed at 10% of the original price. The resident received a bill for a valuation of the \$3000. The board voted to deny the abatement based on the correct valuation of the vehicle by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The resident will be sent a letter of denial and will be given the RMV phone numbers to discuss overvaluation.

Fantini vs. Board of Assessors

The hearing is set for May 4, 2017. Alan will be attending at the Board of Assessors representative and will ask Joe to attend as well. Jenn will have all the documents prepared for the hearing with a document of the history of the dispute and bullet points for the board.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2017 at 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer Morse

April 14, 2017

Approved: 4/26/17 Vote: 2-0