

## **Minutes of April 5, 2018 Assessors Meeting at Town Hall**

Meeting commenced at 5:05 pm

Members present: Bill Cosel, Michael Curtin, Evelyn Robinson

Voted to accept minutes from previous meeting

New Business:

Signed Application of John & Elizabeth Hanson for Chapter 61A

Signed (Chairman) Forestry Certificate for Fernside Shaker Nominee Trust

Signed (Chairman) Forestry Certificate for Donald & Bridget Fawcett

Signed MV abatement for Denise Curtin for \$62.50

Signed MV abatement for Carl & Maura Seiger for \$45.83

Signed MV abatement for David Garner for \$74.48

Signed Monthly list of MV abatements to Accountant for \$182.81

Signed Elderly Exemption 41C for Anne Palmer for \$1,000.00

Signed Monthly list of Exemptions to Accountant for \$1,000.00

Signed Chapter 61 lien for Judy Vilmain

Signed Chapter 61A lien for Frederick & Elizabeth Cross

Old Business:

Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company has failed to comply with Massachusetts Law as to retaining exempt status for FY18 and FY19. Consultant Paul S. Kapinos & Associates has suggested that the Board seek legal counsel from the Department of Revenue. Evelyn & Bill to compose & e-mail a letter to Joe Barbieri at Department of Revenue. Bill to contact several Berkshire County Fire Departments to inquire about their relationship with their respective towns. Mike Curtin abstains from future votes and/or decisions regarding the exempt status of the Fire Company.

Status of Slater APR land/ on hold till Mike can contact Carol Szocik at Department of Agricultural Resources.

#### New Business:

Insulated file cabinets were recently purchased to ensure the safety of important documents. The problem is that the Assessors office cannot hold the weight of these cabinets. The only place they can be safely stored is across the stage near the elevator. This would be very inconvenient for accessing files. Open discussion for solutions. Since the building inspector will not allow the insulated file cabinets in the Assessor's office, the only possible solution would be to move the office to the opposite side of the stage where the floors can bear the weight load. Presently this space is occupied with boxes of documents that are to be digitized. Meanwhile the file cabinets currently being used will remain.

The Tyringham Fire Company owns a 1940 Ford, registered as an antique. Evelyn noticed that the yearly Excise bill issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles has not been sent to the owner, going back, at this time, an unknown number of years. If it is determined by the DOR that TVFC is not exempt from Real Estate taxes, the Board should then consider to re-commit all of the MV bills. Tabled until further information is received from the DOR.

Excise bills issued by RMV were compared to a listing of town owned vehicles and found not to match. Several bills issued were not on the Town listing and others on the list had not been issued bills. This matter should be looked into. Mike to look into this further.

Evelyn reported that the BOA computer (Town Secretary's old computer) has been very slow lately. The Board should consider purchasing a new computer. Evelyn to ask Consultant Steve Lacasse for a recommendation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40.