

City of Greenfield  
Assessor's Meeting  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room, 14 Court Square

9:00 am

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Joseph Ruggeri.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Chairman Joseph Ruggeri and Clerk Deanne Letourneau.

Also present was Administrative Clerk Kim Mew and Jeff Reynolds from RRG.

Clerk Letourneau read the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes into the record.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 MEETING MINUTES WITH FRIENDLY AMMENDMENTS.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

At 9:05 am Marsha Staples-Love from 127 Thayer Road joined the meeting to discuss that status of her exemption. Mrs. Staples-Love had been receiving an exemption for eight years and was denied for fiscal year 2019 and just wanted to understand why. Chairman Joseph Ruggeri explained that that State of Massachusetts provides guidelines for the Assessors to follow. Jeff Reynolds explained that the State has issued updated applications which are more clear cut. By doing this it has also helped the Board members to be more specific. Mr. Reynolds explained that the Department of Revenue as well as the Auditors are looking more into exemptions as well so, something that may have been easily missed in prior years was more clearly looked at by both the Board and the applicant.

Mrs. Staples-Love departed the meeting at 9:16 am.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017 FROM SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2018, AND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 FROM SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO APROVE AND ACCEPT MOTOR EXCISE COMMITMENT #5 AS PREPARED.

The Board discussed property at 208 Mohawk Trail. Prior overvaluations and analyzing in this specific area were discussed.

The Board discussed New Leyden Woods. New Leyden Woods had filed at the ATB for fiscal year 2018 and would like to discuss a settlement. Board agreed to meet with them and collect more information about the property before making a decision. This was tabled to collect more information until the next meeting.

The Board discussed 14-16 Garfield Street. Both Mr. Reynolds and the Board agreed they would like to inspect the property to verify information on the record card. This was tabled until the next meeting pending an inspection.

Mr. Reynolds updated the Board about progress that has been made since signing the contract with the City. Building permits have been completed with the exception of a handful in which we have sent inspection letters too. Mr. Reynolds has looked at our sales and believes we will have valuations ready to send to the State soon. Genny from RRG was able to connect remotely to our system and is working on personal property from of lists.

Mr. Reynolds discussed that the Mayor spoke to him about the Commercial revaluation.

Board discussed classification hearing.

Mr. Reynolds departed the meeting at 10:08 am.

Board discussed office structure. The Assistant Assessor position was offered to Administrative Clerk Kim Mew on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Mew accepted on September 20<sup>th</sup> pending paperwork from HR and the Mayor.

Janine Greaves Notary of the Public joined the meeting at 10:10 am and witnessed signing of a Chapter Land lien.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE CHAPTER LAND LIEN FOR PROPERTY ON SOUTH SHELBURNE ROAD AS PREPARED.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AT 10:14 AM.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:15 AM

**MOTION:** On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:40 AM.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:45 AM.

Next Scheduled meeting October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Mew  
Greenfield Assessors  
Administrative Clerk  
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