



**TOWN OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Minutes of the Board of Assessors Meeting held November 6, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the Assessor's Office, 3rd Floor @ Ludlow Town Hall

Members of Board of Assessors: Beverly Barry - Chairman (Present)
Antonio Rosa - Clerk (Present)
Michael O'Rourke - Member (Present)

Also, in Attendance: Jose Alves - Assistant Assessor (Present)
Maria Fernandes - Associate Assessor (Present)

Meeting began at 5:15 p.m. called to order by Ms. Barry in the Assessor's Office.

Executive Session @ 5:30 p.m. – Motion made by Mr. Rosa to enter Executive Session @ 5:20 p.m. with Paul Kapinos from Paul S. Kapinos Associates to discuss the Fiscal Year 2019 Tax Classification Rate and Hearing. To Comply with Mass Law Chapter 59, Section 60 and will return to regular session when Executive Session has ended.

Roll Call:

Antonio Rosa - yes
Beverly Barry - yes
Michael O'Rourke - yes

Motion made by Mr. Rosa to come out of Executive Session and return to regular session @ 5:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.

Roll Call:

Antonio Rosa - yes
Beverly Barry - yes
Michael O'Rourke - yes

119. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to sign 2017 and 2018 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Abatement Records for the month of October 2018, in the total amount of \$1,625.26. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.

120. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to sign Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Boat Excise Tax Abatement Records for the month of October 2018, in the total amount of \$3,251.58. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
121. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve and sign the Board of Assessor's Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from their meeting on October 23, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
122. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve and sign 2017 and 2018 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Abatement Certificates for the month of November 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
123. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve and sign Fiscal Year 2019 Boat Excise Tax Abatement Certificates for the month of November 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
124. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve and sign Fiscal Year 2019 Real Estate Tax Exemptions for new filers under various clauses. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
125. Board noted the deaths for the month of October 2018.
126. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve and sign Fiscal Year 2019 Tax Rate Documentation. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
127. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve and sign Fiscal Year 2019 Payment In-Lieu of Tax Agreement from Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company in the amount of \$1,350,000.00 paid in 2 installments. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
128. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve and sign the Assessor's Warrant to Tax Collector, Fred Pereira for Payment In-Lieu of Taxes for Fiscal Year 2019 for Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company in the amount of \$1,350,000.00 paid in 2 installments. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
129. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve and sign departmental payments for the month of November 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
130. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve and sign Fiscal Year 2020 Notice of Action on an Application for new Classified Land under 61 Forestry identified on Assessor's Map 32, Parcel 34. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.
131. Motion made by Mr. Rosa to approve, notarize and sign Classified Land Tax Lien under 61 Forestry for a property identified on Assessor's Map 32, Parcel 34, to be registered at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion:

- **Next Meeting – December 12, 2018 @ 4:30**

Motion made by Mr. Rosa to adjourn when the meeting with the Board of Selectmen on the Fiscal Year 2019 Tax Classification Hearing is over. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion passed 3-0.

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Meeting @ 6:15 p.m. – The Board of Assessors, Mr. Alves, Mrs. Fernandes and Paul Kapinos from Paul S. Kapinos & Associates met with the Board of Selectmen in the Selectmen's Conference Room to discuss the Fiscal Year 2019 Tax Classification Hearing.

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The Board of Assessor's Chairman, Beverly Barry presented the Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate of \$19.82 an increase of 81 cents from Fiscal Year 2018 tax rate of \$19.01. Ms. Barry told the Board of Selectmen that this big increase is due to the spending and cost increase in operating the town. Ms. Barry said 53 cents of that increase is for the borrowing of monies for ongoing and future projects.


The Board of Selectmen asked about going to a split tax rate and the Board of Assessors strongly recommended that we stay with the single tax rate. The Board of Selectmen also asked about offering small residential exemptions to residents and small commercial exemptions and the Board of Assessors recommended we don't accept the small residential exemptions or the small commercial exemptions.

The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the new Fiscal Year Tax Rate of \$19.82.

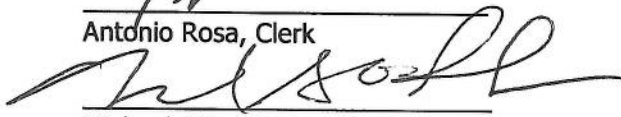
Respectfully submitted,



Beverly Barry, Chairman



Antonio Rosa, Clerk



Michael O'Rourke, Member