



**TOWN OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

Minutes of the Board of Assessors Meeting held August 28, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Assessor's Office, 3rd Floor
@ Ludlow Town Hall

Members of Board of Assessors: Antonio Rosa – Chairman (Present)
Kelly Rua – Clerk (Present)
Michael O'Rourke - Member (Present)

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

Meeting began at 4:31 p.m. called to order by Mr. Rosa in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Executive Session: Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to enter Executive Session @ 4:40 p.m. to review, approve or deny and sign an Abatement Certificate or Denial Notice for Fiscal Year 2016 Personal Property Abatement decision by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board for a petition under formal procedure by MCI Communications Services, Inc. To comply with Mass Law Chapter 59, Section 60 and will return to regular session when Executive Session has ended. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.

Roll Call:

Michael O'Rourke – yes
Antonio Rosa – yes
Kelly Rua - yes

Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to come out of Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. and return to regular session and adjourn. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.

Roll Call:

Michael O'Rourke - yes
Antonio Rosa – yes
Kelly Rua - yes

85. Board noted the Deaths for the month of July 2019
86. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign departmental payments for the month of August 2019. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.
87. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to sign Fiscal Year 2019 Real Estate Tax Abatement Record for the month of July in the amount of \$44,080.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.

88. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to sign 2019 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Abatement Record for the month of July in the amount of \$2,939.04. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.
89. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign 2 pages for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services Omitted and Revised Assessment Report under Personal Property Taxes in the amount of \$44,080.08. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.
90. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign 2013, 2018 and 2019 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Abatement Applications, Certificates and Denial Notices. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.
91. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign the Board of Assessor's Minutes and Executive Session Minutes from their meeting held on July 17, 2019. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.
92. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign 4 letters from the Tax Collector, Fred Pereira to the Board of Assessors requesting to abate Uncollectible Fiscal Year 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes in the total amount of \$24,594.53. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.
93. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign a letter from the Tax Collector, Fred Pereira to the Board of Assessors requesting to abate Uncollectible 2015 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Taxes in the amount of \$7,484.92. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.
94. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve, sign and notarize a Classified Land Tax Lien for 61 Forestry for 2 properties located on Lyon Street changing portions of each parcel from 61B Recreational to 61 Forestry to be registered at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to adjourn @ 4:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion:


- **Next Meeting – September 25, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

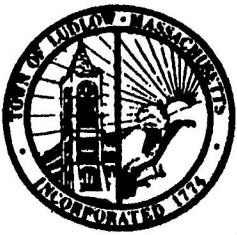


Antonio Rosa, Chairman

Kelly Rua, Clerk



Michael O'Rourke, Member



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Minutes of the Board of Assessor's Meeting held August 28, 2019 in the Board of Assessor's Office, 3rd Floor of the Town Hall @ 4:30 p.m.

Board Members Present were:

Antonio Rosa
Michael O'Rourke
Kelly Rua

Also, Present were:

Jose Alves
Maria Fernandes (absent)

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Board to review, approve or deny and sign an Abatement Certificate or Denial Notice for Fiscal Year 2016 Personal Property Abatement decision by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board for a petition under formal procedure by MCI Communications Services, Inc.

Mr. Alves explained to the Board that the Town of Ludlow had one more Personal Property Tax Abatement to settle with MCI Communications Services, Inc. Last year the town finalized a settlement with them spanning the years from 2004 – 2015. A new decision has come down from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board for a Fiscal Year 2016 Personal Property Tax Abatement pending for MCI Communications Services, Inc. of \$640.00. Mr. Alves said this amount was fair and thought the Board should accept it, he said MCI Communications' lawyer, Mr. Will Hazel had proposed a much larger settlement.

Motion made by Michael O'Rourke to vote to sign and accept the ATB settlement for a Fiscal Year 2016 Personal Property Tax Abatement for MCI Communications Services, Inc. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to come out of Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. and return to regular session and adjourn. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rua. Motion passed 3-0.

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Antonio Rosa - yes
Kelly Rua - yes

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Rua
Date:

Board Members

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kelly Rua', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.