Town of Dedham

Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 5:30PM

Present: Richard Schoenfeld, Chairman, John Healy, Vice Chairman, Chris Polito, Clerk, Richard Henderson, Director of Assessments, Kevin Doyle, Assistant Director of Assessments

Meeting called to order at 5:40PM in the Assessor’s Office by Chairman Schoenfeld.

No members of the public attended the meeting; therefore no public comment.

Mr. Healy wanted to make note that Hannah Heald of the Dedham Times had requested at a public meeting over 2 years ago to move the Board of Assessors Meetings later in the evening so that the public could be in attendance. Since then, no members of the public have attended.

The Board reviewed, approved and signed Meeting Minutes from November 30, 2017.

The Board then reviewed and signed warrants, commitments and exemptions for FY18.

The next item on the Agenda was the Reorganization of the Board. Mr. Polito made a motion for Richard Schoenfeld to remain as Chairman for the upcoming year. This motion was second by Mr. Healy. Mr. Schoenfeld called for a vote. The vote was unanimous with a 3-0 vote in favor of Mr. Schoenfeld remaining as Chair. Mr. Schoenfeld made a motion to nominate Mr. Polito to become Vice Chairman for the upcoming year. This motion was second by Mr. Healy. Mr. Schoenfeld called for a vote. The vote was unanimous with a 3-0 vote in favor of Mr. Polito to become the Vice Chair for the upcoming year. Mr. Polito then made a motion to nominate Mr. Healy to be Clerk for the remainder of his term on the Board of Assessors. This motion was second by Mr. Schoenfeld. Mr. Schoenfeld called a vote to order and was voted unanimously 3-0 in favor of Mr. Healy as Clerk for the remainder of his term.

At this point, Mr. Schoenfeld wanted to thank Mr. Healy and commend him for his time on the Board. Mr. Schoenfeld expressed sentiments of gratitude towards Mr. Healy and the friendship they formed while serving together on the Board. Mr. Polito stated that he seconds Mr. Schoenfelds sentiments towards Mr. Healy and also thanked him for his time and service on the Board. Mr. Doyle wanted to also thank Mr. Healy for his time and service on the Board and state that he was instrumental in guiding him during their time when they served on the Board as well as Mr. Doyle’s time working in the Assessing Department. Mr. Henderson also expressed his gratitude towards Mr. Healy and stated he was a pleasure to have on the Board and getting to know him over the years.

With no members of the public in attendance and topics to be discussed in Executive Session, the Board remained in Open Session. The Board then reviewed and acted on Personal Property and Real Estate Abatements (see attached).

Under Old/New Business, Mr. Henderson then provided an update on his staff to inform the Board that Adrienne Albani was been actively taking classes in pursuit of obtaining her MAA (Massachusetts Accredited Assessor) license. Mr. Henderson stated that Jackie Koons has plans of retiring next July (2019).

Mr. Henderson then updated the Board that we are still working on the Dedham Medical/Atrius Health PILOT Agreement. Mr. Henderson stated that at the request of Atrius Health, the meeting to further discuss the Agreement has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. Mr. Henderson stated that through his research and contacting other local communities that have PILOT Agreements in place, on average range from $40,000 to $70,000 with most falling in the $55,000 to $60,000 range.

At 6:35PM, having no other business, Mr. Schoenfeld recommended for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Polito made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Mr. Healy.