

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL 69 MAIN ST
OCTOBER 10, 2017 6PM

Board Members Present: Robert MacEwen, Alice Lord and Bethany Walker

Robert MacEwen called the Board of Assessors meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- **Review and Approval Minutes**
 - Minutes from the September 13th, 2017 meeting to be reviewed at next BOA meeting
 - Minutes from the September 20th, 2017 joint meeting with Selectboard will be reviewed at the next BOA meeting
- **Motor Vehicle Excise**
 - Abatements received to date were reviewed and approved
 - The September month end list was totaled and signed
 - (1) Farm Plate Exemption application was reviewed and signed for approval
- **Real Estate/Personal Property**
 - The BOA meet on 9/20/17 with the Selectboard to discuss possible PILOT's
 - The group discussed PILOT vs. In-Kind services
 - Walker reported what other towns with similar entities receive for PILOT or in-kind services
 - Group to meet again; date t/b/d
 - Cyclical inspections: Mayflower has one more day (scheduled 10/23/17) and then it will be complete for this round.
 - Walker advised that the exemption of the property owned by Thomas Aquinas College (TAC) is valid based on Mass Gen Laws allowing such an entity a two year time frame to relocate or renovate. This exemption makes a huge impact on the town's potential tax rate.
 - Omnibus approved at Annual Town Meeting had an estimated generated tax rate of \$17.04. With the exemption of the properties owned by TAC, and other factors in the town's valuation, the tax rate is estimated to now be at \$17.86. BOA wants to meet with the FINCOM at their next meeting (10/16/17) to advise of this situation. All members of the BOA can attend. Walker to contact FINCOM chair Lois Stearns to be put on agenda.
 - BOA and Willie Morals (TA) working with Andrea Woods at FCROG. Woods is helping with the process of writing up bid paperwork for Assessment services for First Light.
- **Budget**
 - Accountant provided account balances through to the end of September
- **Bills**


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- No Bills
- **Mail**
 - No mail
- **Next Meeting**
 - November 8th , 2017 at 6pm

A motion was made by Lord, seconded by MacEwen and **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn the Board of Assessors Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Submitted by:

Approved by:


Bethany Walker, clerk



