BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Brookline, Mass.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Assessors
Held March 10, 2020

The Board convened at 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2020. Present were members of the Board Rachid Belhocine, Harold Petersen and Mark Mazur.

Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of their February 25, 2020 and March 4, 2020 meetings.

Tony Ambriano

The Board discussed a planned meeting with consultant Tony Ambriano. Mr. Ambriano will assist us in settlement negotiations with pending telecom and other Appellate Tax Board cases. The Board then signed a contract with Mr. Ambriano.

Appellate Tax Board withdrawals

The Board noted that ATB cases from FY2017 through 2019 with a nursing home were withdrawn without the granting of any abatements.

Real Estate Abatement Applications

The Board acted on sixty-six Fiscal Year 2020 real estate abatement applications, granting seventeen and denying forty-nine. The Board signed two summary sheets, one for those granted and another for those denied.

Residential Exemptions

The Board granted two Fiscal Year 2020 Residential Exemptions. The Board signed two summary sheets, one for each exemption granted.

Blind Exemption

The Board granted one Fiscal Year 2020 clause 37A Blind exemption and signed a summary sheet for it.

Senior Work-Off Abatements

The Board granted three Fiscal Year 2020 Senior Work-Off abatements. The Board then signed exemption certificates for each.

Uncollectible Personal Property Abatements

At the request of the Tax Collector who certified that they are uncollectible, the Board granted two fiscal year 2019 personal property abatements under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 59 Section 71. Abatements certificates were signed for each.

New Exemption Proposal

The Board discussed the status of a proposal for a new exemption program.

Next Board Meetings

The Board's next Board meeting will be at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday March 24, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

A true record. Attest: Mark D. Mazur