

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Brookline, Mass.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Assessors

Held May 14, 2019

The Board convened at 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2019. Present were members of the Board Gary McCabe, Harold Petersen and Mark Mazur.

Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of their April 23, 2019 meeting.

NSTAR

The Board discussed the status of the NSTAR (Eversource) v. Boston personal property case. Boston is the lead case among a group of similar cases from several communities including Brookline. The Appeals Court has ruled in favor of Boston and the Supreme Judicial Court has twice refused to consider NSTAR's case. This means that NSTAR has exhausted its appeals in the case, which leaves Brookline and the other communities in a good position to resolve the other outstanding NSTAR cases.

Charitable Exemption

The Board discussed requests by several taxpayers for a charitable exemption for property owned by a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The Board reviewed a Court ruling that indicates that property held by an LLC does not qualify for an exemption.

Residential Exemption

The Board acted on three Fiscal Year 2019 residential exemptions, granting one and denying two. The Board signed a summary sheet for the one granted and another summary sheet for those that were denied. The Board signed an exemption certificate for the exemption that was granted and denial notices for each exemption that was denied.

ATB Decisions

The Board reviewed recent ATB decisions on a commercial property. The FY2017 cases were decided in favor of the Town while the FY2018 cases were decided in favor of the appellant.

ATB Abatements

The Board granted two FY2018 abatements in response to a decision by the Appellate Tax Board. The Board signed a summary sheet for the abatements and abatement certificates for each abatement.

Next Board Meetings

The Board's next two Board meetings will be at 4:00 PM on Tuesday May 28, 2019 and Tuesday June 18, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

A true record.

Attest: Mark J. Mazur, Clerk