

Town of Dedham

Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 30, 2017, 6:00PM

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 6:00PM in the Assessor's Office by Chairman Schoenfeld.

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

The Board reviewed, approved and signed Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2017.

The Board then reviewed and signed excise tax abatements.

The next item on the Agenda was the Tax Classification Discussion and to vote on recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the FY18 Tax Rate. Mr. Henderson presented the Board of Assessors with the FY18 Classification Hearing packet and PowerPoint Presentation. The Board reviewed the information provided. Mr. Schoenfeld reminded the Board that based on the information provided, the Board of Assessors will vote to make two recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The first vote will be on whether to continue classification for the Town of Dedham. The second vote will be what shift to use. Based on these two votes a tax rate for FY18 is created.

The Board had a brief discussion on what recommendations would be made to the Board of Selectmen regarding the FY18 Tax Rate. The discussion included whether the Town should continue Classification, split tax rates, and what shift percentage should be adopted. Without further discussion, Mr. Schoenfeld asked the Board to entertain a motion to recommend to continue classification. Mr. Polito made the motion to recommend to continue classification, which was second by Mr. Healy. A voice vote was taken and the Board voted unanimously to recommend to continue classification. Mr. Schoenfeld then asked the Board to entertain a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to vote for the max shift factor of 175%. Mr. Polito made a motion to recommend to vote for the max shift factor of 175%, which was second by Mr. Healy. A voice vote was taken and again the Board voted unanimously to recommend a shift to 175%. Mr. Henderson presented the Board with a Letter of Authorization to give Mr. Henderson the authorization and permission to sign the commitment for the Board, to which the Board all signed and approved.

At 6:35PM, Mr. Schoenfeld recommended a motion to go to recess to attend the Board of Selectmen's Meeting in the Selectmen's Chamber where Mr. Schoenfeld would give his presentation on the classification and shift to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Polito made the motion to go to recess, which was second by Mr. Healy.

At 7:25PM, the Board returned to the Assessor's Office and reconvened back to the regular meeting. 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.