

Town of Dedham

Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 6:00PM

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

Not Present: John Healy, Clerk

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM in the Selectmen's Room by Chairman Polito.

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

First item on the agenda is the discussion and review of the property located at 38 Coolidge Road. Mr. Henderson stated that he met with the property owner and his tax rep to discuss his property and was looking to have an appraisal done. The property owner and tax rep were supposed to be present at tonight's meeting, but had to postpone last minute and were unable to attend.

The Board then reviewed and signed Excise Abatements, Exemptions and Deferrals.

The Board then reviewed and acted on Personal Property and Real Estate Abatements (see attached). Last abatement was for parcel 18-1 in which the Owners (Dedham Medical Associates which has been acquired by Atrius Health) have filed to be exempt from property taxes as they are a charitable organization. Mr. Henderson state that they have filed in the past, but had not submitted the proper information to support being exempt and that they had not filed last year.

Mr. Henderson through his own research and speaking with 7 other communities in which have similar properties owned by Atrius, all 7 communities have made such properties exempt and all but one community, Atrius has agreed to a Pilot Program (Wellesley had a Pilot Agreement in place but did not renew once the agreement had expired).

Mr. Henderson has been in touch with their Tax Rep and has reached out to Town Counsel to review all of the documents provided. Town Counsel had made some requests for more documents and questions to which the Owners complied and supplied all requested documents and answered all requests made by Mr. Henderson and Town Counsel. Sorting through the information provided, Town Counsel made the recommendation that they appear to qualify as being exempt. Mr. Henderson provided the information to the Board for their review. Mr.

Schoenfeld and Mr. Polito read through the documents and have requested more time to further review before acting on the abatement as it is a convoluted case, but would need to act by May 1st.

The last item on the agenda was to discuss a Reorganization of the Board. Mr. Polito made a motion to make Mr. Schoenfeld the new Chairman of the Board, which was second by Mr. Schoenfeld. Mr. Polito then made a motion to make Mr. Healy the new Vice Chairman of the Board, which was second by Mr. Schoenfeld, making Mr. Polito the new Clerk.

At 7:10PM, having no other business, Mr. Schoenfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Mr. Polito.