



Town of West Boylston
140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	January 18, 2018 6:30 PM 1st Floor Conference Room
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Members Present	Brad Dunn, Jim Swalec, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Diane Peterson, Myra Fortugno
Members Present	NOT
Invited Guests	

Welcome – Call to Order **Time: 6:32 PM**

1. The following documents were signed. Jim Swalec motioned to approve the below listed items and Dennis Fitzpatrick seconded motion:
 - a) Minutes for November 2017 BOA Meeting
 - b) Motor Vehicle Abatements - FY17 - December 2017
 - c) Motor Vehicle Abatements - FY16 – December 2017
 - d) CAI Technologies – 2018 Contract
 - e) Statutory Exemptions – December 2017
 - f) Tax Lien Released – Keyes/Howard Street
2. Woodhaven Campground Abatement Application FY18
Jim Swalec motioned to approve abatement in full (Real Estate Taxes & CPA)
Dennis Fitzpatrick 2nd the motion.
- 7:00 pm 3. Walmart ATB– Telephone conference with Attorney Bruce Stavitsky prior to February 22, 2018 ATB Hearing date; reviewed classification of Strip Shopping Center vs. Store (minor issue); discussion of dispute in Assessed Value (primary dispute)
After completion of call, BOA went into Executive Session. BOA unanimously authorized Diane Peterson to make offer of resolution to Attorney Stavitsky, representative of Boylston Acquisition (Walmart).
4. Signature Authority – Signature Authority documents was resigned to include all members of the Board of Assessors, Myra Fortugno and Diane Peterson (RRG).
Motion was made by Jim Swalec, as follows:
BOA authorizes Diane Peterson (primary) and Dennis Fitzpatrick (secondary) to approve all payroll expenditures related to Assessors' Office. Myra Fortugno is authorized to be the primary approver of all *other* expenditures (non-payroll).
Dennis Fitzpatrick 2nd the motion.

5. Budget Review – FY2019
Dennis Fitzpatrick motioned to approve FY19 Budget as provided.
Jim Swalec 2nd motion.
6. Exemption Discussion – Diane Peterson discussed the possibility of lowering the interest rate of 8% on the Statutory Exemption 41A.
Dennis Fitzpatrick made a motion to:
Decrease the interest rate from 8% to 4% for 41A exemptions.
Jim Swalec 2nd the motion.
Item will be brought to May Town Meeting to be approved by voters.
7. Military Reservists active in Foreign Countries– Discussion of a possible 100% real estate reduction for 2 years while in active duty

Other Business

- None

NEXT MEETING

~~November 30, 2019~~ *DAF 2/8/2018 DMZ JB*

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

Motion Originator James Swalec
Motion Seconded Dennis Fitzpatrick
Time of 8:37 PM
Adjournment

Signatures

Bradford Dunn
Chairman



James Swalec
Member



Dennis Fitzpatrick
Member



Date Signed

Feb 8, 2018