

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS PUBLIC MEETING  
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT**

**March 28, 2016**

**Members Present:** Jacqueline Cashin; Chair, Karen LaClair, Anthony Ostroski. **Others Present:** Earl Bowen

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Earl Bowen attended the meeting to discuss the personal property bill he received for his gravel bank operation. Bowen stated he believed he was exempt from personal property, as his status is a manufacturer. Bowen noted that he had spoke to Secretary Hayden, who advised him to fill out an abatement form. Bowen questioned the assessment and it's procedure. The Board informed Bowen they would need to research his manufacturing status with the DOR and would contact him to let him know.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from their 2/22/16 meeting. On a motion by Cashin and seconded by Ostroski, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
3. The Board discussed the proposed warrant article which would exempt the motor vehicle excise tax of vehicles owned by active service members deployed or stationed outside Massachusetts for at least 45 days. On a motion by LaClair and seconded by Ostroski, the Board voted unanimously to sign and place the warrant on Annual Town Meeting.
4. The Board reviewed and signed the following (Cashin motioned, Ostroski seconded):
  - a. Warrant to the Collector for 2015 motor vehicle commitment #8A
  - b. Warrant to the Collector for 2016 motor vehicle commitment #1A
  - c. Warrant to the Collector for 2016 motor vehicle commitment #2
  - d. Monthly list of abatements for March, 2016.
5. The Board reviewed the deeds and monthly construction report for February, 2016.
6. At 7:20 p.m., on a motion by Cashin and seconded by LaClair the Board voted unanimously to adjourn their meeting.

At 7:20 p.m., on a motion by Cashin and seconded by LaClair the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session pursuant to General Laws Chapter 59, Section 60, in order to deliberate on pending abatement and/or exemption applications, and with the intent to not return to open meeting afterwards.

Roll Call:

Voting yes: Cashin, LaClair, Ostroski

Voting no: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen LaClair

**List of Documents Viewed in Public Meeting of March 28, 2016\***

1. Minutes from meeting of 2/22/16
2. Annual Town Meeting warrant article, dated 3/28/16
3. Warrant to the Collector for 2015 motor vehicle commitment #8A
4. Warrant to the Collector for 2016 motor vehicle commitment #1A
5. Warrant to the Collector for 2016 motor vehicle commitment #2
6. Monthly list of abatements for March, 2016.
7. Deeds for February, 2016
8. Building construction for February, 2016

**\*Documents are stored in their respective files in the Assessor's office.**