

Board of Assessors  
Meeting of July 1, 2018  
334 Main Street, Town Hall

Present: Bruce Firger  
John Katz  
Christopher Lamarre, Principal Assessor

1. Meeting called to order by Bruce Firger at 10:10 a.m.
2. Review & Approve Prior Meeting Minutes: None
3. Old Business: None
4. New Business:
  - a. Assessors voted to allow Principal Assessor to sign DOR documents in Gateway on behalf of the entire Board.
  - b. Values on LA4 are projected to increase as are the parcel counts.  
These figures are not final. New growth is projected to be \$30,000,000 however, there are additional permit inspections to complete which will add to the overall total.
  - c. In anticipation of discussion at the Classification Hearing regarding possibly shifting the tax burden from residential to commercial (split tax rate) the Board discussed the ramifications of such a move. The Board agreed that by splitting the tax rate and causing commercial, industrial, personal property and chapter land owners to pay a greater share of the tax levy would send a negative signal to current and prospective businesses.  
The Board voted to endorse and recommend to the Selectboard that the Town follow its historical approach of distributing the tax levy by adopting a single rate. The Classification hearing set for August 20<sup>th</sup>.
5. Citizen Speak Time: None
6. Executive Session: With no further business, on a motion by Christopher Lamarre at 10:45 to enter into Executive session to review on FY 2018 abatement Application(s). Motion was seconded by John Katz with all in favor.