

TOWN OF BERKLEY MASSACHUSETTS

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Board Meeting Minutes March 5, 2025 5:00pm Assessors Office, Room 9

Board Members:

Present: Mark Pettey Jr, Chairman; Jeanne Russo, Clerk; Lisa Tetreault, Member; Gary Hoitt, Assessor

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm by Mark Pettey Jr

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting (2/19/2025):

Minutes read and Motion to accept by Lisa after correction noted to year error in notes; seconded by Jeanne – vote unanimous to accept

Act on Warrant/Commitments/MV Abatements

2 2024 MV abatements totaling \$82.11 Voted unanimously/signed 34 2025 MV abatements totaling \$4,005.80 Voted unanimously/signed

Pay Various Bills

Adobe standard annual plan for \$165.62 Check request for 300 stamps in the amount of \$219.00 WB Mason for office supplies total cost \$109.43

Administrative Matters

Fin Com meeting 2/24/2025 no issues to report Financial Advisory Committee meeting 2/26/2025 financial issues shared with committee BOA reminded of Dept Head Meeting to be held 3/6/2025 in Hearing Room @ 10:00am MAAO Spring Conference 4/9/2025 in Wrentham MA – BOA will consider

Kelly Donner proposal on local option to freeze property tax appraisals seems to be a non-issue since it violates state constitution and results in disproportional assessments

Jeanne proposed the idea of rearranging the office going forward in the future. Further discussion required Data collection in Berkley is on-going.

Executive Session called; motion by Lisa @5:28 pm and not returning to open session; second by Jeanne. Roll call vote resulted in unanimous vote

Chapterland

BOA met with 61A Chapterland applicant, who was denied, to discuss residents' situation. Applicant will be put into 61B for FY2026 and can return to 61A if guidelines proposed by BOA are fulfilled for FY2027. Applicant accepted offer by BOA

Exemptions

BOA reviewed/approved 5 FY2025 personal exemptions that were filed with BOA:

3 type 22/22E (veterans); 1 type 41C (Elderly); 1 type 17C1/2

Abatements

No action required of BOA at this time

Motion by Lisa to adjourn, second by Jeanne.

Meeting adjourns at 6:06 pm

Minutes by: Gary Hoitt