

**MINUTES**  
**TRURO BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MEETING**  
**24 TOWN HALL RD. – OLD HISTORIC ROOM**  
**Monday, August 14, 2017, 1p.m.**

Present: Bruce Boleyn, Chairman; Michael Forgione; Gary Palmer; Jay Coburn, Board of Selectmen, Paul Wisotzky, Board of Selectmen; Cathy Fryxell, Principal Assessor

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Boleyn at 2:07pm.

Review/Approve Minutes: none

Public Comment: none

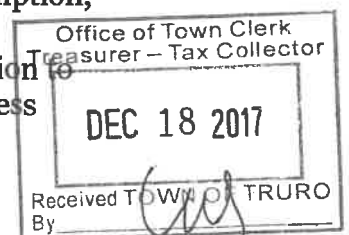
Status of FY2018 Interim Certification:

Ms. Fryxell handed out the LA-13 & LA-4 reports from the Recap for the Board's review. She reminded the Board the Classification Hearing was scheduled for August 22, 2017 and that the LA-5 options should be reviewed, recommendations to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) should be discussed & voted on. As a review for the vote on the Residential Exemption, the presentation from the August 9, 2017 Part Time Resident Summer Meeting was distributed & reviewed. Mr. Coburn & Mr. Wisotzky had attended today's meeting to understand the Board of Assessors (BOA) feelings on the potential Residential Exemption that would be voted on at the upcoming open meeting and to answer any questions the Board may have. Mr. Palmer said the BOS would be remiss to not pass the exemption, the benefit being substantially greater than the increased tax. Mr. Boleyn said the part time residents may not agree with that. Mr. Forgione said he was waiting until the BOS votes to apply so as not to waste his time if it's not approved. Mr. Coburn mentioned there are a number of other states that have implemented the Residential Exemption – VT has it as well as FL has the Homestead Exemption. Ms. Fryxell handed out an article from the Cape Cod Times, August 13, 2017 regarding this matter for the Board. With no further discussion, the vote was taken.

Vote Taken:

In preparation for FY18 Classification Hearing being held at the August 22, 2017 Board of Selectmen Mtg., this Board voted to make the following recommendations to the Board of Selectmen:

- Motion was made by Mr. Palmer; Mr. Boleyn seconded the motion to recommend to the Selectmen to vote a residential factor of "1", maintaining a 100% full value tax for all classes.
- Motion was moved by Mr. Palmer; Mr. Boleyn seconded the motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen not to grant an open space discount.
- Motion was moved by Mr. Palmer; Mr. Boleyn seconded the motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to grant a residential exemption, adopting a 0-20 percentage.
- Motion was moved by Mr. Palmer; Mr. Boleyn seconded the motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen not to grant a small business exemption.



- All motions carried unanimously.

Ms. Fryxell requested the Board to grant the Board of Assessors give the Assessing Office staff the authorization to use their signature stamp for all tax forms. Mr. Palmer made the motion to vote to grant the request the Board of Assessors give the Assessing Office staff the authorization to use their signature stamp for all tax forms. Mr. Boleyn seconded the motion, motion was unanimous.

Ms. Fryxell requested the Board to grant the Board of Assessors give the Principal Assessor the authorization to electronically sign on their behalf for all tax forms relating to the FY18 Recap Sheet(s). Mr. Palmer made the motion to vote to grant the request the Board of Assessors give the Principal Assessor the authorization to electronically sign on their behalf for all tax forms relating to the FY18 Recap Sheet(s). Mr. Boleyn seconded the motion, motion was unanimous.

Excise Abatement and Commitment:

2016 Motor Vehicle Commitment #95 - August 2017:	\$ 71.25
2017 Motor Vehicle Commitment #4 - July 2017:	\$ 17,501.21
2017 Motor Vehicle Commitment #95 - August 2017:	\$ 48.33
2017 Motor Vehicle Commitment #96 - August 2017:	\$ 89.38
2015 MV Excise Abatements - June 2017:	\$ 9.37
2016 MV Excise Abatements - June 2017:	\$ 66.56
2017 MV Excise Abatements - June 2017:	\$ 2,167.13

2016 Boat Excise Abatements - June 2017:	\$ 52.58
2017 Boat Excise Abatements - June 2017:	\$ 143.00

Executive Session:

Upon a motion by Mr. Boleyn and seconded by Mr. Palmer, the board entered into Executive Session to discuss exemption applications, roll call was taken, so voted. Session began at 2:05pm and concluded at 2:20pm. Upon a motion to exit Executive Session by Mr. Boleyn and seconded by Mr. Palmer, it was so voted. All actions to grant or deny were approved within Executive Session upon a motion by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Boleyn, unanimously. In preparation, should the FY18 Residential Exemption be voted on and approved by the BOS, forty four applications were approved and signed as follows:

FY2018- Section 5C: \$ 39,722.32

Mr. Boleyn moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:21pm, Mr. Palmer seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Fryxell, Principal Assessor

Approved on Dec. 18, 2017 by:

R. Boleyn  
Michael B. Fry  
John Palmer  
 Truro Board of Assessors