

**Meeting of Petersham, MA Board of Assessors  
Friday, April 26, 2019**

**Assessors Office  
3 South Main Street  
Petersham**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair, Dana Kennan. Present were Kelly Garlock, Jean Robinson, Ellen Anderson.

(Assessors meetings are conducted under the provisions of MGL 30A Section 20 Paragraph f.)

1. Reorganization of Board. Dana Kennan, Chair, Ellen Anderson, Clerk, Jean Robinson, Member.
2. Minutes of January 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 were reviewed and signed.
3. Discussion of how to code Conservation Restrictions. The clerk reported that conservation restrictions have been identified and will be coded as required.
4. Discussion of the valuation of commercial horse barns. In order to identify which barns are commercial the Board will send a letter to the Selectmen to see whether any of the farms have applied for business permits.
5. Discussion of antique homes and base rates. What is the definition of an "antique home?" Is it only age or is it preserved historic architectural detail? The Board is proposing to set base rates for only two kinds of single family homes – colonial and conventional. This approach will be reviewed with the DOR.
6. The Board reviewed and signed Agricultural and Horticultural Classification Applications
7. The Board voted unanimously that Kelly Garlock should be allowed to carry over three unused vacation days into the next fiscal year.

The Board closed the public session at 9:55 and went into executive session. (Executive Sessions are held under the provisions of MGL 59 Section 60)

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen H Anderson, Clerk