

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

DATE: May 7, 2018
TIME: 1:00 pm
PRESENT: Dayton DeLorme, Karen Avalle and Anthony Caropreso- Board of Assessors

Minutes: April 10, 2018 - approved.

Meetings: 1:00 pm meeting with Father Michael Gaitley, Amanda Ciccocioppo and Michael Misner-Elias from Marion Missionaries of Divine Mercy to discuss an in-lieu-of tax.

Motor Vehicle Abatements: approved.

Office Bills: approved

General Business:

The Board wanted to thank Father Michael, Ms. Ciccocioppo and Mr. Misner-Elias for coming in and meeting with them to discuss a possible in-lieu-of payment to the Town of Lee. Dayton DeLorme asked Father Michael to give a brief outline of what Marian Missionaries is and does. Father Michael first stated that though he works for Marian Fathers located in Stockbridge, MA, Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy is not affiliated with them and he does not receive money or any other monetary donations from the Marian Fathers. Father Michael is allowed to run Marian Missionaries as long as he can continue with his obligations to the Marian Fathers. With that being said, Father Michael stated that Marian Missionaries is an outreach program for men and now women to engage and inspire to participate in works of mercy for religious and social service purposes. These men and women go out into the community, primarily dealing with the poor and homeless in the Boston, New York City area, also in Pittsfield and Schenectady, NY.

After further discussion as to the operation of the Missionary the Board then asked as to their financial means, where and how do they receive their money for purchasing their properties. Father Michael stated that the monies generated to purchase all their properties are strictly from donations. Father Michael stated that he has worked tirelessly to get the donations needed to purchase each and every property.

Currently Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy owns five (5) properties in Lee;

1530 Pleasant St;
1565 Pleasant St;
1575 Pleasant St;
780 Tyringham Rd; and
800 Tyringham Rd.

Father Michael stated that one of his main goals is being in good standing with the Town of Lee. He understands that the Town provides wonderful services to them, i.e. ambulance, fire, police.

Amanda indicated that 800 Tyringham Rd would be staying on the tax rolls and would not be part of their annual 3ABC filing. This property was purchased in August of 2017 and has an FY18 tax bill of \$3,458.53. Father Michael stated that he would like to contribute more to that tax dollar amount and will sit down with Amanda and Michael at the end of this year to review their finances to see if that is possible.

The Board thanked Father Michael, Amanda and Michael for their time and asked them to please keep them informed if any new details become available or if they wish to meet again regarding this matter.

Said meeting ended at 2:15 pm.

Adjourn: With no further discussion the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah T. Navin
Assessors Clerk

Approved by the Board of Assessors


Dayton DeLorme, Chairman


Karen Avalle


Anthony Caropreso

cc: Christopher Ketchen, Town Administrator
Brandi Page, Town Clerk