



Approved: 3/6/18

Holliston Board of Assessors
January 30, 2018
8:00 am Selectmen's Meeting Room #105

The meeting of the Board of Assessors was called to order at 8:00. Present were Mary Greendale, Vice-chair; Peter Barbieri, Clerk; Kathryn Peirce, Principal Assessor and Kelly Schorr, Assistant Assessor.

The Board acted on the following:

- Signed Weekly Payroll for the week ending 02/02/18.

Motion P. Barbieri Second M. Greendale to approve Surviving Spouse Exemption #12.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

Motion P. Barbieri Second M. Greendale to approve CPA Exemption #22 and 24.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

The Board reviewed prior Senior Surviving Spouse Exemption Application #5. Now reviewed as Senior Exemption 41C. Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to approve as Senior Exemption 41C.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

The Board reviewed Hardship Exemption Application #2. Income is \$20,256, Expenses \$22,284. In FY 2017 Tax Deferral was denied by bank. In FY 2016 Hardship Exemption was approved and remaining balance was exempted. Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to approve remaining taxes owed of \$6,027.85.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

The Board reviewed Hardship Exemption Application #3. Income is \$17,172, Expenses \$22,032. FY 2017 was approved and the remaining balance was exempted after other exemptions. Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to provide tax relief in the amount of \$6,091.68.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to approve Meeting Minutes of 01/23/18 with an amendment to correct the word from Revenue to Review.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

K. Peirce reported on the conversion schedule change in process. Training will be in April. The office will close during the training days. Completion deadline is July 1, 2018. Training will be 5 to 6 days over a 2 week period.

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P. Barbieri reported on Town Counsels opinion which state that although the Towns can contract, the Board of Assessors does not have that authority. Compensation has to be consistent with the Personnel By-Laws.

K. Pierce reposted on the investigation of Personal Property Valuation by other communities. She has received three responses, all three towns have RRC contracts. K. Pierce will seek additional responses and provide a summary.

The Board reviewed Real Estate Abatement Application #33. Applicant for the Andrews School building. Due to the fact the Town still owns the property and no taxes are due it is denied. Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to deny.

VOTE: 3-0 to deny.

The Board reviewed Real Estate Abatement Application #26. The property was inspected. The area above the garage has been changed to .75 from .85 creating a reduction in value of 8,000. Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to reduce the value by 8,000.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

The Board reviewed Real Estate Abatement Application #25. New construction which was purchased in April of 2017 for \$968,844. Change in cathedral area resulted in a reduction of \$20,300. Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to reduce value by \$20,300.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

The Board reviewed Real Estate Abatement Application #21. The owner paid \$600,000 for the home in December 2016. Current value of the home is \$542,300. Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to deny.

VOTE: 3-0 to deny.

The Board reviewed Real Estate Abatement Application #13. Applicant compared with similar units, difference of 62 square feet, and premium paid at time of the original purchase. Without the premium the value is \$471,020. Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to reduce the value to \$471,020.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

The Board reviewed Real Estate Abatement Application #6, new construction. Should have a 35% complete as of 07/01/17, Building was incorrectly costed at 100%. Also land had a 5% discount for wetlands which has been removed. This resulted in a reduced value of \$230,830. Motion by P. Barbieri, Second by M. Greendale to reduce the value by \$230,830 with a new value of \$343,470.

VOTE: 3-0 to approve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

All in favor 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Barbieri, Clerk

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