

Approved:4/6/18

## Holliston Board of Assessors April 3, 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 John Cronin, Chair, P. Barbieri, Clerk, Kathryn Peirce, Principal Assessor and Kelly Schorr, Assistant Assessor.

The Board acted on the following:

- Signed weekly payroll for the week ending 04/07/18.
- Signed Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemptions in the amount of \$231.98 and \$2,781.03.
- Signed Real Estate Exemptions and Abatements in the amount of \$1,265.06.
- Signed Mileage Expense report in the amount of \$100.50.

Motion P. Barbieri, second J. Cronin to approve Meeting Minutes of 03/20/18.

VOTE: 2-0 to approve.

Motion P. Barbieri, second J. Cronin to approve CPA Exemption Applications #31, 33 and 35.

VOTE: 2-0 to approve.

Motion P. Barbieri, second J. Cronin to approve Tax Deferral Application #4. The balance of taxes in full.

VOTE: 2-0 to approve.

Motion P. Barbieri, second J. Cronin to approve Senior Exemption Application# 16 and 17.

VOTE: 2-0 to approve.

The Board reviewed Hardship Application #5. Resident is disabled and income is less then expenses. Motion P. Barbieri, second J. Cronin to exempt the balance of \$6,431.86.

VOTE: 2-0 to approve.

The Board reviewed Hardship Application #4. Medical condition as well as income is less then expenses. Motion P. Barbieri, second J. Cronin to exempt remaining balance due of \$2,276.78.

VOTE: 2-0 to approve.

K. Peirce reported on budget and conference expense. Conversion training will be held in Springfield for 3 days one week and 2 days the following week. She is requesting the use of a hotel for a 2 night stay.

The Board agrees that K. Schorr should attend the MAOO conference which is scheduled in June 2018.

There is an estimated cost of \$1,000 for Attorney fees for 3 ATB cases. The current balance in Professional Services is \$2,803.50. K. Peirce will obtain the time frame for encumbered fund expenditures.

- K. Peirce reviewed the proposed Town Meeting Annual Report:
- 1. 20% increase to all exemptions from property taxes, excluding those granted under clause 18, sect 5, chap 59.
- 2. Amending the interest rate 8% to 6% clause 41A chapter 59.
- 3. Amending the income requirement for Chapter 59 sect. 5 clause 41C.
- 4. Increase gross receipts for senior chapter 59 sect 5 clause 41A.

Motion P. Barbieri, second by J. Cronin to approve all above articles

VOTE: 2-0 to approve.

- J. Cronin reported on a discussion with the Town Administrator regarding the Finance Committees recommendation of the salary increase of 2 ½% for employees.
- J. Cronin reported on the discussion with the owner of a Concord Street project which took place last week. The Board determined the value to be \$150,600 per lot. A request has been made that the applicant provide the Board with invoices.
- K. Schorr reported on applicants response to a granted abatement, (Application #23). The sale price was \$886,000 the current value is just under \$900,000. The grade and condition are consistent and the data was correct. No further action will be taken by the Board.

The Board reviewed Real Estate Abatement Application #55. After a recent inspection the condition of the condo has been changed to fair. This reduces the value by \$9,900. Motion P. Barbieri, second by J. Cronin to reduce the value by \$9,900.

VOTE: 2-0 to approve.

The Board reviewed Personnel Property Abatement Application #60. No longer has equipment that is listed as part of the valuation. The items will be removed from the list for next fiscal year. Motion P. Barbieri, second J. Cronin to deny. VOTE: 2-0 to deny.

The Board reviewed Real Estate Abatement Application #63. Fire damage in March 2017. Supplemental Bills were created to reflect the change in value due to damage. Motion P. Barbieri, second J. Cronin to deny. VOTE: 2-0 to deny.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am All in favor 2-0

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Barbieri, Clerk