

Approved: 4/29/2021

## Regular Session Meeting

### Board of Assessors

Room 105

Thursday, Thursday April 22, 2021

9:00 AM

**Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20, as well as the Select Board's Emergency Order dated 3/16/2020..... the Board of Assessors will be using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Town's webpage within 24 hours in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Action requirement of keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I would ask that all participants remotely attending this meeting please state your name for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting.**

At 9:00 AM regular session was convened. Present were: Chairman Lesley Kennally, Vice Chair Peter Barbieri, Mary Greendale, Clerk; Kathryn Peirce, Principal Assessor; Finance Committee Liaison's Tim Maxwell and Mark Whittaker attended remotely.

The Assessors met with Tim Maxwell and Mark Whittaker, liaisons from the Finance Committee to discuss this year's budget request. BOA has asked for an additional \$20,000 to undertake additional inspections. We explained that we do in-house inspections but due to staffing limits and COVID and other external pressures, we sometimes need to hire additional support - and this is one of those years. There are about 650 parcels, we explained, that must be inspected before the end of fiscal year 2022 to meet the state requirement of inspecting every parcel once in a decade. Because of COVID, we are one full year behind on our 500 typical number of inspections and we are behind with keeping up with building permits but they continue to come fast and furious. In addition, our assistant assessor just retired. We explained too, that asking for Reserve Fund transfers can take too long. The Liaisons explained that such transfers are not necessarily locked out until June, which was good news. The FC is scheduled to begin voting on budgets tonight and they will update us.

**A motion was made by Peter Barbieri to enter into Executive Session to discuss abatements at 9:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Greendale Vote carried: 3-0-0**

**At 9:59 am the Board voted to reconvene regular session**

A motion was made by: Mary Greendale 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesley Kennally vote: 2-0-0 Peter Barbieri had to leave the meeting at 9:45 am for a previous engagement.

1). Regular session minutes: 4/15/21 Motion to approve: Lesley Kennally 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Greendale Vote: 2-0-0  
Executive session minutes: 4/8/21 Motion to approve: Lesley Kennally 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Greendale Vote: 2-0-0  
Executive session minutes: 4/15/21 Motion to approve: Lesley Kennally 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Greendale Vote: 2-0-0

**2) Abatements: Personal Property**

**#1** Eversource Energy Electric: mandated valuation tabled

**#2** Eversource Energy Gas: mandated valuation tabled

### **Real Property**

**#33** 116 Hopping Brook Motion to deny: Lesley Kennally 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Greendale Vote: 2-0-0

**#34** 116 Hopping Brook Rear (New 2018) Motion to deny: Lesley Kennally 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Greendale Vote: 2-0-0

**#37** 333 Fiske Street Motion to deny: Mary Greendale 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lesley Kennally Vote: 2-0-0

#### **8). Other business:**

**a.** ATM sponsored articles- There were no changes to the previously submitted article.

**b.** For our next meeting the Board requested that Articles number 9 & 10 be put on the agenda to discuss and review. These are the Governance Committee submitted changes.

Motion to adjourn: at 10:12 am

Motion: Mary Greendale 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lesley Kennally Vote: 2-0-0

Our next meeting will be April 29 at 9:00 am