

Minutes

Board of Assessors

Room 105

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

5:00 PM

The meeting convened at 5:01 PM in Room 105. Present were: Board members: Peter Barbieri, chair, and Mary Greendale. Jeffrey Marshall arrived at 5:05 PM. Staff: Kevin Rudden.

1. Mary Greendale made a motion, seconded by Peter Barbieri, to approve the 2017 Recommitment #244 for Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise taxes in the amount of \$27.71. The motion carried 2-0-1. Upon his arrival, Jeffrey Marshall concurred with the vote.
2. Mary Greendale made a motion, seconded by Peter Barbieri, to approve an apportionment of Fiscal Year 2022 real estate taxes for 0 Highland Street between Charles Nickerson (Total Value: \$378,374; Total Taxes: \$6,648.71) and Outpost Farm, LLC (Total Value: \$220,226; Total taxes: \$3,858.87). The motion carried 2-0-1. Upon his arrival, Jeffrey Marshall concurred with the vote.
3. Jeffrey Marshall made a motion, seconded by Mary Greendale, to approve the February 15, 2022 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 3-0-0.
4. Mary Greendale made a motion, seconded by Jeffrey Marshall, to approve Veteran's exemption application #53 (Clause 22a – \$800). The motion carried 3-0-0.
5. Mary Greendale made a motion, seconded by Jeffrey Marshall, to approve Real Estate Abatement application #30 (\$651,600 in building value / \$4,631.77 in real estate taxes), based on Kathryn Peirce's recommendation for an "Administrative Abatement." The motion carried 3-0-0.

6. Kevin Rudden gave each board member a package of information about a proposed Means-Tested Real Estate Tax Exemption and asked them to review it, with an eye toward a discussion about it at the board's next meeting.
7. The board continued its February 15, 2022 discussion about the MA DOR's February 10, 2022 memo regarding whether to participate in extending an existing valuation agreement with Verizon New England. Prior to the meeting, Kevin Rudden sent board members a list of the Fiscal Year 2018-2022 valuations and new growth revenue, as requested by Peter Barbieri on February 15. Mary Greendale made a motion, seconded by Jeffrey Marshall, to notify MA DOR that Holliston will participate in the new agreement. The motion carried 3-0-0.
8. Board members briefly discussed the scheduled 7:00 PM meeting with the Select Board on February 22, 2022. Peter Barbieri is unable to attend. Mary Greendale will update the Select Board about the Board of Assessors'/Assessors' Office proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget. Jeffrey Marshall plans to attend as well.
9. Peter Barbieri requested that Kevin Rudden and Kathryn Peirce review the Assessors' Overlay account vis-à-vis pending abatements to see if any Overlay funds can be declared surplus.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Marshall, seconded by Mary Greendale, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 PM. The motion carried: 3-0-0.