

Approved: 5.5.20

Holliston Board of Assessors
March 17, 2020
5:30 pm room 014

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 this time, a roll call of attendance will be taken. Present Remotely Mary Greendale Chairman, Peter Barbieri Clerk. Present in Room 014 Lesley Kennally Vice Chair, Kathryn Peirce Principal Assessor, Kelly Schorr Assistant Assessor.

At 5:30 pm and in accordance with the Open Meeting Law Kathryn Peirce Principal Assessor entertained a motion to utilize remote participation for this meeting. A motion was moved by Mary Greendale Chair to use remote communication and seconded by Peter Barbieri Clerk. Motion carried 3-0-0

Minutes of March 6 were approved: motion by Peter Barbieri, second Mary Greendale. Motion carried 2-0-1 Lesley Kennally abstained as not present at that meeting

The following forms were noted and approved:

Payroll of 3/20/20

Payroll of 3/13/20

Motion to approve Peter Barbieri, Second Mary Greendale all in favor 3-0-0

MVE recommit #216 for \$50

Warrant Notice to Treasurer/Collector

Notice to the Town Accountant

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MVE recommit #215 for \$37.50

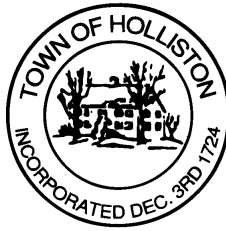
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Exemption applications were presented for the following Cl22 applications for Veterans.

Applications 57, 63, 64,65 A motion to approve at the amount on the spreadsheet was made by Peter Barbieri Seconded by Lesley Kennally Motion carried 3-0-0



Application 62 does not qualify based on not own the property in Holliston on 7/1/19.

Motion to deny made by Peter Barbieri, second Lesley Kennally motion carried 3-0-0

Application 61 is domiciled in another community. Motion to deny made by Peter Barbieri, second Mary Greendale motion carried 3-0-0

Deferral Applications C141A were reviewed as follows:

Applications 1,2,3,4 motion to approve by Peter Barbieri, second Mary Greendale motion carried 3-0-0

Clause 18 applications will be held until the Board has an opportunity to review in depth and prior to the next meeting.

The following abatements were presented by Kelly Schorr and discussed:

Application #20 184 Winthrop St property with water issues. Application indications that her water is hit harder by contaminants. She claims that her property is worthless until situation is corrected. She indicates that her home is at the junction of 2 streets does not know if the junction contributes to back flow. Board asked if the water department is in agreement with her allegations. Peter wanted to know if it is a true statement that her case is worse than everyone else. Water and Selectboard are aware of this situation. The Board said that the situation needs to be investigated by the town and asked staff to create a paper trail by sending a letter to Sean Reese and the Selectboard letting them know what the applicant is claiming and ask for feedback on the situation so that they may be better suited to address the issue. It was noted that market study of properties with filters did not denote any impact to sales. At this point there is no action to this application until we have further information.

Application #43 Claim of disproportionate assessment compared to neighbors. Kelly inspected in February. Data was accurate. Applicant was comparing to homes 5-10 years older than his in the same neighborhood. The owner noted a prior abatement change that had been addressed. The neighborhood in question sells high but the quality doesn't maintain well and so older properties sell for less over time. His grade is the same as others with the same year built between numbers 71-101 grade is VG 2011-2015

Motion to deny made by Peter Barbieri, second by Mary Greendale motion carried 3-0-0

Application #44 419 Washington St mixed use property. The rent on the cottage increased in fy20. The desirability of the place is not great. The cottage is 560 sf. A motion was made to reduce the rent on the cottage from \$1000 to \$900. \$311,900 Motion was made by Peter Barbieri, second Leslie Kennally
Motion carried 3-0-0

Application #59 56 Lowland St Sold in 2018 Postponed until further information is available

Application #61 22 Linden St a couple changes motion to reduce to \$526,400 Peter Barbieri, Second Mary Greendale Motion carried 3-0-0

A motion at 6:12 pm to adjourn by Peter Barbieri, second Mary Greendale motion carried 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted;
Kathryn Peirce