



APPROVED: 9/24/2020

Holliston Board of Assessors  
September 10, 2020  
8:30am Meeting Room #105

Meeting started at 8:41am. Present were: Lesley Kennally, Chair, Peter Barbieri, Vice-Chair, Mary Greendale, Clerk; Principal Assessor Kathy Peirce, Assistant Assessor Kelly Shorr

Kelly Schorr provided a report on an issue re: 20 Kingsbury Ln.

The woman who owns the property jointly with her husband called to say her assessment was high when compared to a private appraisal recently done on the house. Kelly researched with the building office and determined that if there is any discrepancy, it may be because the town lists a finished attic and the appraisal calls it storage. It has insulation and electricity. Kelly asked to view the property for proper assessment but the woman has cancer and cannot allow anyone in the house. Homeowner asked Kelly for an estimate on what the assessment might have been last year without the finished attic value. She is getting a divorce and this would be useful. Kelly provided an assessment though Kathy told her this department does not provide estimates or guesses on anything. Kelly told the owner she would produce a letter. Before she did that, she was contacted by the attorney saying it was too late to add more material to the case. At that, he said they would perhaps subpoena her. Kathy suggested that this issue has personnel implications, but said that there was no action to be taken now. This was a "heads-up."

The Following Monthly reports were approved, MG making motion, LK seconding

VOTE: 3-0-0

2016 Recommitment #219 in the amount of \$67.50

August 2020 Motor Vehicle Abatements in the amount of \$4,722.82

2016 Recommitment #218 in the amount of \$63.75

August 2020 Real Estate Exemptions in the amount of \$1,000.00

Kathy Peirce reported that she is about two-weeks behind in finalizing the valuations. She has spent considerable time trying to get the condo values nailed down. She will continue her efforts.

Peter Barbieri reported that he spent days double checking values from 2019 to ensure that all of those were entered into the new computer system accurately. He was satisfied that everything "moved over" well.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24.