

Minutes

Board of Assessors

Room 105

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

5:00 PM

The meeting convened at 5:10 PM. Present were Jeffrey Marshall, chair, and Stephen Wang. Staff: Kevin Rudden and Sherrie Bates.

1. Since the meeting was hybrid, a roll call vote was taken, with all members and staff individually reporting their presence.
2. Stephen Wang made a motion, seconded by Jeffrey Marshall, to approved the regular session minutes and executive session minutes for the April 9, 2024 meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 2-0-0.
3. Steve Wang made a motion, seconded by Jeffrey Marshall, to approve and sign Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2024 Commitment #2 in the amount of \$296,651.72. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 2-0-0.
4. Kevin Rudden requested that the board reconsider its March 12, 2024 vote to declare \$102,675 as surplus Overlay funds by reducing the amount being released to \$2,675. He said Town Administrator Travis Ahern asked that the other \$100,000 remain in the Overlay account to ensure that enough funds remain in the Overlay account to handle future abatements and exemptions. Ahern said the \$100,000 earmarked for new Computer-Aided Mass Appraisal (CAMA) software would be proposed to be taken from Free Cash at the October Town Meeting, Rudden explained.

Jeffrey Marshall stepped down as chair and made a motion to reconsider the March 12, 2024 vote and reduce the amount being released from Overlay to \$2,675. Stephen Wang seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 2-0-0.

5. Kevin Rudden reported that property at 538 Adams Street under Chapter 61A had been sold from parents to son. Staff obtained a letter from the son, Brian Kramer, stating the land use would remain the same. Rudden asked the board to approve a lien release for Donald and Donna Kramer and to approve a new lien for Brian Kramer.

Stephen Wang made a motion to approve the lien release and the new lien, seconded by Jeffrey Marshall. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 2-0-0. After board members signed the two lien documents, the paperwork will be notarized by Sherrie Bates.

6. Kevin Rudden said he had sent Jeffrey Marshall talking pints for the Annual Town Meeting article regarding using \$2,675 to release old "Chapterland" liens.
7. Stephen Wang made a motion at 5:16 PM, seconded by Jeffrey Marshall, to enter into an executive session to discuss confidential exemption applications and abatement applications, with the intent to return to public session and adjourn. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 2-0-0.
8. The board returned to public session at 5:29 PM. Stephen Wang made a motion, seconded by Jeffrey Marshall, to ratify the actions taken during the executive session. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 2-0-0.

Stephen Wang made a motion at 5:30 PM, seconded by Jeffrey Marshall, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 2-0-0.