

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Covid-19

DATE: November 24, 2020
TIME: 1:00 pm
PRESENT: Dayton DeLorme, Karen Avalor and Anthony Caropreso- Board of Assessors

Minutes: July 6, 2020 - approved

Meetings: none.

Motor Vehicle Abatements: August to present – approved. Dayton DeLorme, Chairman, made a Motion to signature stamp future Motor Vehicle Abatement Packets, therefore eliminating the long wait time to approve refunds. This Motion was seconded by Karen Avalor. All in favor, motion passed, 3-0.

Office Bills: approved.

General Business:

The Board reviewed and executed the following Fiscal Year 2021 Commitments;

FY21 Real Estate Commitment;
FY21 Personal Property Commitment;
FY21 Elderly/Veteran/Work-Off Commitment;
FY21 Water Lien Commitment;
FY21 Sewer Lien Commitment; and
FY21 WSI Surcharge Commitment.

Also reviewed and executed were the FY21 Omitted Tax and WSI Tax Commitments.

The Board reviewed and executed Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments Four through Six.

The Board reviewed and approved Real Estate and Personal Property Abatements totaling \$47,428.29

The Board had a discussion regarding the Elderly Taxation Form Application that can be filled out by qualifying Taxpayers. Said application can be retrieved in this office but has to be returned to Pat DiGrigoli at the Council on Aging. Dayton remembers that this taxation fund was designed to help taxpayers, who qualify, get a one-time approved amount of money put on their tax bills through an account that was set up by the Town. Said money comes from Taxpayers who donate money to this fund. There was a Committee that reviews the applications that come in and they decide on the dollar amount to be given out. Dayton recalls that the late William Derrick used to be on the Committee and it was his understanding that at least one Board Member from this office should be on it. To his knowledge it has been years since someone has been on the Committee, if there is still a Committee in existence. With that, Sarah will ask Pat DiGrigoli and Donna Toomey, Treasurer/Collector, the two people in charge currently, how the program is currently run and get back to the Board at their next scheduled meeting.

There was a discussion concerning the FY2022 Assessors budget, specifically the Personal Property 504 form of lists that will be due on March 1, 2021. As it is now each city/town's responsibility to produce the lengthy and time-consuming information, Brian Pelletier from RRC gave the office a quote in October as to how much it would cost for his office to handle the three (3) 504 accounts we have. They are NStar, Berkshire Gas and Mass Electric. The Board wanted to know if this money would have to go before the Finance Committee for approval. Sarah informed the Board that the likely hood is that the money would be able to come from within the current FY21 Assessors budget. The Board wanted Sarah to double check with the Town Accountant and Town Administrator before going ahead and finalizing.

The Board suggested that due to Covid-19 restrictions that the next BOA meeting should be after the first of the year.

Adjourn: With no further discussion the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah T. Navin
Assessors Clerk

Approved by the Board of Assessors

Dayton DeLorme, Chairman



Karen Avalle

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Anthony Caropreso

cc: Christopher Ketchen, Town Administrator
Christopher Brittain, Town Clerk