

# **Board of Assessors**

#### MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Wednesday, January 26th, 2022 4:06 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room REGULAR SESSION

In Attendance:

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman, Matthew Lopes, Member, Liberio Soares,

Member, Kelly Koska, Principal Assessor & Nicole Peckham,

Administrative Assistant

The meeting was opened at 4:06 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Lopes and was seconded by Mr. Soares.

The next meeting of the Board of Assessor's will be on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 4 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

The Board voted to accept the minutes for approval of January 5th, 2022, Open and Executive, with a motion made by Mr. Soares and seconded by Mr. Lopes.

### **Agenda Topics:**

New Business

- 1. Kelly discussed the FY 2022 tax rates, which were approved by the DOR on 12/8/2021. The residential tax rate is \$13.27/\$1,000. The Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property tax rate is \$17.18/\$1,000. This reflects a 25% tax shift that was ratified by the Board of Selectmen on 11/19/2021.
- 2. The FY 2022 actual tax bills were mailed on 12/31/2021. As a reminder, this mailing includes the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter installments.
- 3. Kelly reminded tax payers that RE and PP abatements for FY 2022 can be filed with the Board of Assessors now until 2/1/2022 at 4 p.m. Applications are available in the Assessors Office in the Town Hall and on the Assessors page on the Town website. As a reminder, abatements can only be filed if a taxpayer feels that they have been incorrectly assessed. Kelly also discussed how taxes are derived.

- 4. Kelly reminded anyone who files for Personal Exemptions to file soon, as the deadline is 4/1/2022 for FY 2022.
- 5. FY 2023 Forms Of List were mailed out on 1/1/2022 to all existing and new Personal Property accounts. This information is necessary to accurately assess Personal Property accounts as of 1/1/2022. The deadline to submit these applications is 3/1/2022.
- 6. FY 2023 Income and Expense forms were mailed out on 1/1/2022 to all Commercial, Industrial and mixed use real properties. This information is used to assist in the valuation of these categories of real property using the Income Approach to value. The deadline to submit these applications is 3/1/2022.
- 7. Kelly discussed the preliminary review and preparation for the FY 2023 budget and presented a level funded and level service budget to the Board. The service budget is to reinstate line items used for professional development such as training and travel costs associated with education or training. Both budgets will be presented to the Finance Committee on 2/2/2022 at 7 p.m.
- 8. The next Board of Assessors meeting will be Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

#### Old Business:

No Old Business

Mr. Cenerizio announced that he is commencing the Open Session and will go into Executive Session. The Board will reconvene in Open Session.

The Board ended Open Session at 4:21 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Lopes and was seconded by Mr. Soares.

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:58 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Lopes and seconded by Mr. Soares.

The Board reviewed and voted to approve all the MV abatements for January 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Lopes and seconded by Mr. Soares.

The Board reviewed and discussed all FY 2022 Personal Exemptions and voted to accept all applications. A motion was made by Mr. Lopes and seconded by Mr. Soares. A list of these will be attached to the minutes.

The Board has also voted to accept 3 FY 2022 RE abatement applications and 2 PP abatement applications. A list of these will be attached to the minutes.

The Board reviewed and voted to approve the MV 2021/6 and MV 2022/1 Warrants and Commitments. A motion was made by Mr. Lopes and seconded by Mr. Soares.

The meeting ended at 5:00 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Lopes and seconded by Mr. Soares.

## Items to Sign:

- 1. Monthly list and report MV abatements January 2022
- 2. Monthly list and report RE abatements January 2022
- 3. Monthly list and report PP abatements January 2022
- 4. Minutes Open Session January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- 5. Warrant and Commitment MV 2022/1
- 6. Warrant and Commitment MV 2021/6
- 7. Real Estate Abatements/Personal Exemptions FY 2022

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman

Liberio Soares, Member

Matthew Lopes, Member



## Office of the Board of Assessors

## MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 4:21 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Attendance:

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman, Liberio Soares, Member, Matthew Lopes,

Member, Kelly Koska, Principal Assessor & Nicole Peckham,

Administrative Assistant

The meeting was opened at 4:21 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Lopes and was seconded by Mr. Soares.

1. The Board reviewed FY 2022 Personal Exemptions. They voted to approve the following repeat applicants:

17D-1, 41C-2, 22a-1, and 22E-1 The Board voted to approve two new 41C applications.

- 2. The Board discussed 3 abatements that had been submitted for Real Estate and 2 abatements for Personal Property. They voted to approve all applications submitted.
- 3. The Board discussed monthly RE, PP and MV abatements, and voted to approve them.

Pursuant MGL Chapter 59 Section 60: Applications for abatement or exemption under this chapter shall, be open only to the inspection of the assessors, the commissioner, the deputies, clerks and assistants of either the assessors or the commissioner and such other officials or designated private auditors of the commonwealth or of its political subdivisions as may have occasion to inspect such applications in the performance of their official, contractual or designated duties; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prevent a person who submitted that information, or his designated representative, from inspecting or being provided a copy of the submission upon request.

Pursuant MGL Chapter 4 Section 7 clause 26: referencing the definition of public records from this statute.

The following is the list of parcels voted on and approved:

- Exemption Applications
  - 0 15-417
  - 0 24-132
  - o 11-30A
  - 0 18-186
  - 0 14-99
  - 0 24-222
  - o 10-15A
- Abatement Applications
  - 0 15-393
  - o 15-211
  - 0 15-28
  - o Personal Property Account #741
  - o Personal Property Account #1079

A motion to close Executive Session and return into Open Session at 4:58 p.m. was made by Mr. Lopes and seconded by Mr. Soares.

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman

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Liberio Soares, Member

Matthew Lopes, Member