

ASSESSORS' MEETING MINUTES

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April 21, 2020

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Meeting Date: April 21, 2020 4:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Meeting opened by Christian Petersen, Chair at 4:00 p.m.

Roll-Call Christian Petersen, Chair- Present
Cynthia Poirier, Assessor-Present
Diane Rhodes Gregoire-Assessor/Board Clerk
Joanne Higgins-Principal Assessor
Public: Christine McCoo

Christian Petersen, Chair invited Ms. Higgins to begin addressing the items on the agenda for Board approval and review.

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting of February 25, 2020

Meeting of March 31, 2020

Meeting April 14, 2020 no quorum due to technical difficulties with web meeting software.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of February 25 and March 31st Board of Assessors Meetings. With correction being made to the spelling of Diane Rhodes Gregoire, a motion was made by Diane Rhodes Gregoire to accept and sign the Minutes as presented. Second by Christian Petersen. All in Favor by Roll Call Vote.

Signatures:

The Board approved the Monthly List of MV Excise abatements granted in March levy 2020 \$1,154.90
The Board approved the Monthly List of Personal Property abatements granted in March \$180.41
The Board Approved and noted the March \$5,007.82 total Real Estate abatements of \$5,007.72

Exemption applications if any are filed

The Board discussed the pending Exemption Applications and invited public attendee Christine McCoo to speak on behalf of the Friends of the Lake Association 3 ABC Application. It appeared after discussion ensued that Ms. McCoo was not clear on the guidelines as prescribed for the application to be considered in the current fiscal year.

Ms. Poirier spoke to the missing piece of the application that was mandatory and not included.

For the applicants to get a clear picture of the requirements Ms. Poirier explained the process as required under M.G.L and sent a copy of these to Ms. McCoo during the meeting to the e-mail address she provided. The next application was for an Abatement on this parcel, Ms. Poirier asked Ms. Higgins to speak to this. Ms. Higgins discussed her findings with the Board after having conducted a site visit and review of the permitted use of the parcel under current zoning restrictions.

Ms. Higgins applied the methodology used to address the use factors on the parcels and suggested an abatement be granted as a result. The Board concurred and a Motion was made by Christian Petersen to Grant the Abatements as presented by Ms. Higgins. Motion seconded by Ms. Rhodes Gregoire. Motion carried by roll call vote all in favor.

The 3 ABC application for the Aqua Riders was denied due to late file.

Discussion / Review

The Board of Assessors noted that The Board of Selectmen acting under the Governor's "Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting from Covid-19" voted to extend deadline for Exemption Applications until June 1, 2020 and to waive interest and fees on bills with a due date on or after March 10, 2020. Notice is being sent to taxpayers.

Correspondence: NONE

Holland Emergency Action Plan

The Assessor's Office continues to be closed until May 18th due to Corona virus, remote access is being utilized to the full extent possible and communications are being received and sent electronically. The Board wished to extend sincere gratitude to Ms. Higgins for her exemplary efforts and success in serving the needs of the community remotely and continuing to keep the office workflow on schedule during this time of crises.

Motion made by Cynthia Poirier to adjourn Second by Christian Petersen.

Rollcall Vote Christian Petersen-Yes Cynthia Poirier-Yes Diane Rhodes Gregoire-Yes

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 P.M.

Next scheduled meeting May 12, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Poirier, Assessor