

## **ASSESSORS' MEETING MINUTES**

### **Meeting held as posted VIA REMOTE PARTICAPATION**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

#### **Meeting held VIA REMOTE PARTICAPATION:**

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**Meeting Called to order by Christian Petersen 6 :01 P.M.**

**Attendance by Roll-Call: JoAnne Higgins, Christian Petersen, Cynthia Poirier**

**Meeting Minutes: Tabled**

#### **Signatures:**

Monthly list of MV Excise abatements granted in July totaling \$469.95

Monthly list of MV Excise abatements granted in July totaling \$75.21

Warrant to Collect and Notice of Commitment to Accounting Officer for Fifth Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitment In the amount of \$10,429.27.

Warrant to Collect and Notice of Commitment to Accounting Officer for Fourth FY2020 Motor Vehicle Excise commitment Dated July 23, 2020 in the amount of \$13,491.36.

Motion made by Cynthia Poirier to accept and sign the Monthly List's and Commitments. Second by Christian Petersen. Motion carried by roll-call vote Cynthia Poirier-Yes Christian Petersen-Yes

The Board noted the Chapter Land Application parcel 14-A-3 Brimfield Road was processed, check collected and lien executed and filed.

#### **Discussion / Review**

The Board reviewed all the items previously discussed at the August 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting as it was deemed to have been held in error.

The Board reiterated late application for 3 ABC Exemption filed on March 08, 2020. Discussion ensued surrounding e-mail sent by Alyse Johns regarding the late filing for exemption status from this organization. Ms. Higgins was in discussions with Donald Gorton, DLSLAW Attorney and the Attorney General's Office to confirm the Board acted within the scope of the law. Seeing no discrepancies, the Board halted further discussion on the matter, the late file restricted the Boards ability to act on the application; the date of March 08 was prior to the Governor's orders of Covid-19 and any extensions issued were imposed after that date. The Board will revisit any application filed in January under the authority of filing during the Abatement period, as per discussion with Kerry at DLS Law the ability to do so is entirely left to the discretion of the Board and the Board remains open to reviewing at that time. Ms. Poirier shared that e-mails and phone calls sent on personal accounts and to Town of Brimfield to Ms. Poirier as Deputy Assessor in that community from Ms. Johns were not welcomed or responded to as they were deemed to be intimidation from a standpoint of using a public position present or past to influence a decision, these forms of contact was not welcomed and not opened or recognized especially in that the application is not signed by Ms. Johns and the application is not open to public records request.

The Board thanked Ms. Higgins for all her diligence from the date the application was filed to this date, responding timely to the many requests for public records and especially all her efforts in double checking any deadline extensions under the Governors orders to be certain the application in question was not subject to filing date extension and in fact filed late.

The Board reviewed the FY2021 Interim Year Adjustments and Value Finalization report from June Perry, VISION district manager.

Ms. Higgins informed the Board that a recent sale of property located on Old Stafford Road has an issue with the deed not correlating to the maps, CAI will be consulted to correct; the deed is old and lacks new survey standards, once reviewed by the team at CAI the property will be corrected if changes are warranted.

Office continues to be closed until such time the Governor directs specific guidelines and the Board deems safe measures are in place due to Corona virus, remote access is being utilized and communications are being received and sent to and from the public and internal staff.

Having no further business Motion made by Cynthia Poirier to adjourn the meeting.  
Second by Christian Petersen. Motion carried by roll-call vote Cynthia Poirier-Yes Christian Petersen-yes  
Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cynthia Poirier, Assessor**

**10/20/2020**