BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2021 6:00 P.M.

Meeting held as posted VIA REMOTE PARTICAPATION

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Meeting Opened at 6:04 p.m. called to order by Cynthia Poirier

Attendance: by Roll Call - Cynthia Poirier, Diane Rhodes Gregoire and JoAnne Higgins Guest Karie Morehouse

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting of November 10, 2020

Meeting of December 8, 2020

Meeting of January 5, 2021

Meeting of January 26, 2021

Motion made by Diane Rhodes Gregoire to accept and sign the Minutes as presented. Second by Cynthia Poirier Motion carried by roll-call vote Cynthia Poirier-Yes Diane Rhodes Gregoire-Yes

Signatures:

Monthly list of MV Excise abatements granted in January Levy of 2018 \$337.50

Monthly list of MV Excise abatements granted in January Levy of 2019 \$225.00

Monthly list of MV Excise abatements granted in January Levy of 2020 \$486.79

Monthly list of Real Estate abatements granted in January Levy of 2021 \$3,412.15

Monthly list of Real Estate Exemptions granted in January Levy of 2021 \$500.00

Motion made by Diane Rhodes Gregoire to accept and sign the Monthly list of abatements and exemptions. Second by Cynthia Poirier

Motion carried by roll-call vote Cynthia Poirier-Yes Diane Rhodes Gregoire-Yes

Exemption Applications were tabled pending additional research.

Discussion / Review

Board member appointment by Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen appointment is pending approval of appointment of Karie Morehouse for the vacant position on the Board of Assessors.

Abatement applications were reviewed, and Ms. Higgins made recommendations to the Board for action. Discussion ensued and the applications proposed for adjustments were then calculated. Motion made by Diane Rhodes Gregoire to accept and sign the Abatements as calculated. Second by Cynthia Poirier Motion carried by roll-call vote Cynthia Poirier-Yes Diane Rhodes Gregoire-Yes

Review and make recommendations to Exemption qualification limits for vote at ATM. Ms. Higgins will continue to research the adjustments and bring the item back to the Board at that time.

FY2022 Budget request forms from Finance Committee due soon. Ms. Poirier will forward some salary studies to Ms. Higgins and Ms. Higgins will gather pricing from vendors to review the Budget.

The Board noted the new mandate to value 504 utilities will affect the value of Massachusetts Electric Company

The Board signed the Exemption Applications filed thus far for FY2021, Veterans, Elderly, Blind, Surviving Spouse That met the qualifications and were marked for approval.

The Board signed the Abatement of Real Estate preliminary tax on foreclosed tax title account.

Next scheduled meeting Tuesday February 23, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Office continues to be closed to the public 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.

Motion made by Cynthia Poirier to adjourn Second by Diane Rhodes Gregoire Roll-call Vote Cynthia Poirier-Yes Diane Rhodes Gregoire - Yes Meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Poirier, Assessor