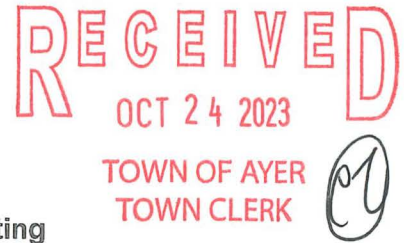


**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**February 27, 2023**

**Minutes of Assessors Meeting**

**Remote participation Open Session Meeting**



The meeting was called to order at 2:08pm. Chairman Laggis, Member Wood, Assessing Administrator, Lynda McQuade and Assessing Department Assistant, Jacquelyn Guthrie were present.

The Board of Assessors read the agenda for February 27, 2023. A motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Chairman Laggis, seconded by Clerk Maxant approved by a 2-0 vote. Vote: Nick Laggis: Aye; Vote: Ruth Maxant: Aye.

The Board of Assessors read the minutes for November 30, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Clerk Maxant seconded by Chairman Laggis and approved by a 2-0 vote. Vote: Nick Laggis: Aye; Vote: Ruth Maxant: Aye.

The Assessing Administrator and Board of Assessors discussed the status of FY2023 Real and Personal Property Tax Bills. The Assessing Administrator reported that tax bills were mailed on December 27<sup>th</sup> with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter bill due on February 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter bill due on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Assessing Administrator Lynda McQuade also reported to the Board that Ayer's FY2023 tax rates of \$12.42 for residential properties and \$27.45 for commercial\industrial\personal properties were certified by the Department of Revenue.

The Board of Assessors was reminded that April 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to file for Statutory Exemptions.

The Board of Assessors reviewed the November, December and January 2022 Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Abatement Reports. In November, the Assessing Department Assistant processed 7 abatements totaling \$809.11. In December, the Assessing Department Assistant processed 5 abatements totaling \$600.44. In January, the Assessing Department Assistant processed 11 abatements totaling \$861.28. A motion to approve and sign the reports was made by Clerk Maxant seconded by Chairman Laggis and approved by a vote of 2-0. Vote: Ruth Maxant: Aye; Vote: Nick Laggis: Aye.

The Board of Assessors was presented with five Warrants and Commitments for their approval. The FY23 Real Estate Tax Warrant and Commitment for \$14,029,860.25, the FY23 Community Preservation Act Surcharge Warrant and Commitment for \$682,118.52, the FY23 Personal Property Tax Warrant and Commitment for \$4,210,540.00 and the FY23 Water and Sewer Lien Warrant and Commitment for \$88,683.87. The FY23 Commercial Real Estate Tax for \$8,707,407.04. A motion to approve and sign the warrants and commitments was approved in a 2-0 vote. Vote: Ruth Maxant: Aye; Vote: Nick Laggis: Aye.

The Board of Assessors reviewed the Assessing Department Reports for the months of November, December and January. The reports were approved as written in a 2-0 vote. Vote: Ruth Maxant: Aye; Vote: Nick Laggis: Aye.

Assessing Administrator Lynda McQuade informed The Board of Assessors the abatements for Real Estate and Personal Property continue to arrive and research is being done on the properties accordingly.

Member Jim Wood joined the meeting in progress at 2:20pm.

At 2:25pm, pursuant to Purpose 7, G.L. c.59 s.60, Chairman Laggis called for a vote to go into Executive Session, with Open Session to reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session. Motion passes by a vote of 3-0. Vote; Nick Laggis: Aye. Vote; Ruth Maxant: Aye. Vote; Nick Laggis: Aye.

At 2:39pm, the Board reconvened into Open Session.

**Old Business:**

There were no items of old business.

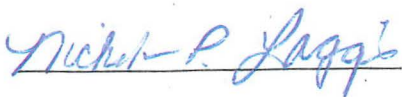
**New Business:**

There were no items of new business.

A motion to adjourn at 2:40pm was made by Member Wood, seconded by Clerk Maxant approved by a vote of 3-0. Vote; Nick Laggis: Aye. Vote; Ruth Maxant: Aye. Vote; James Wood: Aye.

The next scheduled Board of Assessors meeting is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk

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