BOARD OF ASSESSORS

August 3, 2017



Minutes of Assessors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm. Chairman Bresnahan, Clerk Cornellier, Member Callahan, Assessing Administrator Thomas Hogan and Assessing Department Assistant Jacquelyn Guthrie were present.

The Board of Assessors read the agenda for August 3, 2017. A motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Chairman Bresnahan, seconded by Clerk Cornellier and approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Board of Assessors read the minutes of July 12, 2017. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Chairman Bresnahan, seconded by Member Callahan and approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Assessing Administrator presented the Board with a spreadsheet listing 7 Fiscal Year 2017 Supplemental Real Estate Tax Bills totaling \$15,402.18. A motion was made by Clerk Cornellier to approve and commit the 7 FY2017 Supplemental Real Estate Tax Bills. The motion was seconded by Member Callahan and approved in a 3-0 vote.

The Board of Assessors reviewed the July 2017 Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Report. There were 26 abatements posted totaling \$1,635.74. A motion to accept and sign the report was made by Clerk Cornellier, seconded by Member Callahan, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Assessing Department Report for the month of July was reviewed by the Board of Assessors. A motion to approve the report as amended was made by Member Callahan, seconded by Chairman Bresnahan and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Old Business:

The Assessing Administrator discussed a settlement proposal relating to the Apple Valley Continuing Care Center at 400 Groton Road. Mr. Hogan proposed to the Board that they reduce the FY2017 valuation to \$5,935,200, a 4.6% reduction from the committed valuation in exchange for the appellant agreeing to withdraw the FY2017 Appellate Tax Board case. A motion was made by Clerk Cornellier to authorize the Assessing Administrator to submit the settlement proposal to opposing counsel. The motion was seconded by Member Callahan and approved in a 2-0 vote. Chairman Bresnahan abstained from the vote.

New Business:

The Board of Assessors was presented with two Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Warrants and Commitments for approval. They are Commitment 4 of 2017 for \$49,075.47 and Commitment 90 of 2017 for \$4,200.00. A motion was made by Member Callahan to accept and sign the commitments and warrants. The motion was seconded by Clerk Cornellier and approved in a 3-0 vote.

The Assessing Administrator presented the Board with the valuation exemption details of a proposed Special Tax Agreement (STA) negotiated by the Town Administrator relating to the former John E. Cain facility at 14 Sandy Pond Road. Mr. Hogan explained that the Board of Selectmen will be taking up the issue at their August 8th meeting.

The next Board of Assessors meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2017 at 2:00pm.

A motion to adjourn at 4:20pm was made by Chairman Bresnahan, seconded by Clerk Cornellier and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

L'Edward Coulles

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