

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

January 27, 2021

Minutes of Assessors Meeting



The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. Chairman Kilcommins, Member Cornellier, Member Bresnahan, Assessing Administrator Thomas Hogan and Assessing Department Assistant Jacquelyn Guthrie were present.

The Board of Assessors read the agenda for January 27, 2021. A motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Member Cornellier, seconded by Chairman Kilcommins, and approved by a 3-0 vote.

The Board of Assessors read the minutes for December 30, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Member Bresnahan, seconded by Chairman Kilcommins and approved by a 3-0 vote.

The Assessing Administrator and Board of Assessors discussed the status of FY2021 Real and Personal Property Tax Bills. The Assessing Administrator reported that tax bills were mailed on December 31st with the 3rd quarter bill due on February 1st and the 4th quarter bill due on May 3rd.

The Board of Assessors was presented with four Warrants and Commitments for their approval. The FY2021 Real Estate Tax Warrant and Commitment for \$21,403,706.68, the FY2021 Community Preservation Act Surcharge Warrant and Commitment for \$642,111.63, the FY2021 Personal Property Tax Warrant and Commitment for \$4,202,170.42, and the FY2021 Water and Sewer Lien Warrant and Commitment for \$108,602.08. A motion to approve and sign the warrants and commitments was made by Chairman Kilcommins, seconded by Member Bresnahan and approved in a 3-0 vote.

The Board of Assessors reviewed the 2020 Equalized Valuations provided by the Bureau of Local Assessment. A motion to accept Ayer's 2020 Equalized Valuations was made by Member Cornellier, seconded by Member Bresnahan and approved in a 3-0 vote.

The Board of Assessors reviewed the Assessing Department Report for the month of December. A motion to approve the report as written and authorize submission to the Town Manager's Office was made by Chairman Kilcommins, seconded by Member Bresnahan and approved in a 3-0 vote.

The Board of Assessors reviewed the December 2020 Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Abatement Report. The Assessing Department Assistant processed 19 abatements totaling \$1,630.07. A motion to approve and sign the report was made by Chairman Kilcommins, seconded by Member Bresnahan and approved by a vote of 3-0.

New Business:

There were no items of new business.

Old Business:

Assessing Administrator Thomas Hogan informed the Board of Assessors that he will be available to participate in tonight's Public Forum on the FY2022 Budget.

At 3:23pm, pursuant to Purpose 7, G.L. c.59 s.60, Chairman Kilcommins called for a vote to go into Executive Session to review three FY21 Real Estate abatement applications, one FY21 Personal Property abatement application and one CPA Surcharge exemption application, with Open Session to reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Member Cornellier. Vote: John Kilcommins: Aye; C. Edward Cornellier: Aye; Paul Bresnahan: Aye. Motion passes by a vote of 3-0.

At 3:53 pm, the Board reconvened into Open Session.

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

A motion to adjourn at 3:54pm was made by Member Cornellier, seconded by Chairman Kilcommins, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Edward Cornellier", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk

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