

Board of Assessors
Minutes of Meeting
December 16, 2019

6:00 p.m.: Meeting came to order with Thomas Barry, Chairman; Donald Minney, Vice Chairman; Raymond Goff, Clerk; and John Whelihan, Director of Assessments present.

Incoming Correspondence:

FY20 Tax Rate Approval Notification from the Division of Local Services

Documents Presented:

Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Classification Presentation
Assessors Annual Report (draft)

Signatures:

- Schedule of Bills Payable: \$730.33
- Warrant & Commitment;
 - FY20 Real Estate Tax \$28,002,331.51
 - FY20 Personal Property Tax \$675,978.52
 - FY20 Sewer Liens \$69,980.57
 - FY20 Tri-Lakes Sewer Assessment \$132,399.43
 - FY20 CPA Surcharge \$272,530.28
- Monthly List of Exemptions;
 - FY20 Real Estate \$93,852.24
 - FY20 Real Estate \$46,461.32
- Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 MVE \$790.00
- Lien Releases:
 - Thomas Soja Chapter 61 & 61A (241-18)
 - Kestrel Trust Chapter 61B (228-56 & 228-57)
 - Norman Loftus Chapter 61A (255-14 et al)
 - Moonlit Farm LLC Chapter 61B (205-37)
 - Thomas Roberts Chapter 61A (268-34)
 - Donald DuBois Chapter 61 (206-28 & 42)

Old Business:

- Mr. Goff made the motion to approve the regular session and executive session minutes of the November 26, 2019 meetings. Mr. Minney seconded. The motion passed 3-0.
- The FY20 tax rate was certified by the Department of Revenue. The third quarter tax bills will be mailed before the end of the year. Discussion arose over the budget process including the necessity of increasing the tax levy by 2.5% annually.

Discussion/Decision:

- The Board reviewed the Assessors page of the Annual Town Report. More statistics will be added to the Assessors page before it's submitted to the Selectmen in January.
- The Board denied a 2019 motor vehicle abatement application for Gary Iverson. The license plate was cancelled in December.

- The Board is scheduled to meet on January 7 and January 28 of 2020

6:55 p.m. Mr. Barry made the motion to adjourn the regular session and move into executive session to discuss FY20 exemption applications and Chapter 61A applications under Purpose 7 of MGL Ch 30A, s. 21(a) to comply with or act under the authority of MGL Ch 59, s. 60 with respect to confidentiality, and not reconvene in regular session. Mr. Goff seconded the motion.

Barry	Yes
Goff	Yes
Minney	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Goff
Clerk

Board of Assessors
 Minutes of Executive Session
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6:55 p.m.: Meeting came to order with Thomas Barry, Chairman; Donald Minney, Vice Chairman; Raymond Goff, Clerk; and John Whelihan, Director of Assessments present.

The Board voted upon the following FY20 Exemption applications. All votes were unanimous at 3-0.

The Board denied Scott McAllister’s application because he wasn’t the record owner as of July 1, 2019.

NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PARCEL ID	EXEMPTION
D’Aguiar, Gwendolyn	340 Amherst Road	218-73	Cl. 17D
Sperry, Gladys	50 Bay Path Road	228-10	Cl. 17D
Archible, George D.	143 Chauncey Walker Street	255-112	Cl. 22E
McAllister, Kelly	251 Stebbins Street	250-53.04	Cl. 22E
Potocny, Michael J.	93 Dana Hill	238-207	Cl. 22E
DENIAL:			
McAllister, Scott J.	251 Stebbins Street	250-53.04	Cl. 22E

The Board discussed the FY21 Chapter 61A application for Bruce and Nancy Clark of 148 Bay Rd. Mr. Minney and Mr. Whelihan recently conducted a field review of the property. The purpose of the field review was to verify the amount of active pasture land. Although animals were present, a large number of unregistered cars and sports vehicles were scattered throughout the property. Using calculations from the town’s GIS system, the Board determined that over three acres is not conducive with farming activities.

Mr. Barry made the motion to exclude 3.195 acres from the FY21 Chapter 61A Classification. Mr. Minney seconded.

Barry	Yes
Minney	Yes
Goff	Yes

The Board agreed to notify the Building Inspector concerning the number of unregistered cars on the property. Mr. Whelihan stated that the building inspector may already be aware of the situation. Mr. Minney stated that he had concerns regarding the welfare of the animals on the property. The Board would also notify the town’s animal control officer regarding the property conditions.

- Mr. Whelihan stated that applications approved after the tax billing file is created will receive their exemption credit on their fourth quarter tax bill. This may lead to fluctuations in quarterly tax amounts for these applicants.

7:40 p.m. Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Goff
Clerk