Board of Assessors Minutes of Meeting April 30, 2019

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

# **Incoming Correspondence:**

Public Hearing:

Notice- Stormwater Utility By-Law (5-6-19)

**Documents Used:** 

Copy of MGL Chapter 58, Section, 8C

## Signatures:

•	Schedule of Bills Payable:	\$223.53
•	Monthly List of Exemptions; FY19 RE	\$2,577.61
•	Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 MVE	\$1,691.98
•	Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 MVE	\$1,347.50
•	Monthly List of Abatements; 2019 MVE	\$3,358.42
•	Warrant & Commitment;	
	Tri Lakes Sewer Assessment payoff (106-29)	\$3,296.69
•	Warrant & Commitment;	
	Tri Lakes Sewer Assessment payoff (101-66)	\$3,296.64

### Discussion/Decision:

- The Board denied a 2018 motor vehicle excise (MVE) abatement application for Gelco Fleet Trust. The license plate was not canceled until December 2018.
- Mr. Barry made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting. Mr. Goff seconded. The motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Minney abstaining.

## Fiscal Year 2020 Revaluation:

- The due date for the Income & Expense forms is May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The office continues to inspect single-family homes

#### **Old Business:**

The Board reviewed a report detailing the number of building permits the Assessors
office received in 2018. Although many building permits do not result in valuation
changes, the town's new growth is a direct result of the assessor's staff reviewing the
permits. Discussion arose over the number of electrical and plumbing permits pulled in
the building inspector's office.

The task of selecting a vendor to create a municipal permitting program is being administered by the MIS Department.

- The Board reviewed the town meeting warrant articles that involve the senior exemption being increased to \$1,000 and the minimum personal property value subject to assessment being increased to \$6,000.
- The Board discussed the warrant article that seeks local adoption of MGL Chapter 58, Section 8C which enables the town to enter into agreements with developers to encourage the redevelopment of affordable housing units. A town by-law would establish a method for negotiating and approving such agreements.

The Board stated that the warrant article appears to be tailored to Sportshaven Mobile Home Park. Mr. Minney stated that the park doesn't have an active license to operate. The park has numerous health code violations and needs substantial infrastructure improvements. Mr. Barry has concerns regarding the tenants within the park not paying rent. The Board didn't feel the local option should be adopted as a blanket policy; it should be tailored specifically to Sportshaven mobile home park.

- The Board members are unlikely to attend the May 6<sup>th</sup> Stormwater Utility Public Hearing
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 6 pm. If necessary, the Board will meet on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

7:10 p.m.: Mr. Goff made the motion to adjourn the Regular Session meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss FY19 exemption applications and FY19 abatement 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. Barry seconded the motion.

Minney Yes Barry Yes Goff Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Minney Clerk