

Board of Assessors
Minutes of Meeting
July 9, 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.

Documents Used:

- FY20 tax maintenance contract with CAI Technologies

Incoming correspondence:

- Board of Selectmen liaison duties

Signatures:

- Schedule of Bills Payable \$808.07
- Warrant & Commitment; FY19 Supplemental tax bills
 - Real Estate: \$24,866.51
 - CPA: \$343.52
- Warrant & Commitment;
2019 Motor Vehicle Excise (MVE) \$8,770.00
- Monthly List of Abatements:
 - 2019 MVE \$1,005.82
 - 2019 MVE (section 5) \$3,685.00
 - 2019 MVE (section 5) \$138.75
 - 2019 MVE \$2,015.61

Old Business:

- Mr. Goff made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting. Mr. Minney seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

New Business:

- The Board approved the FY20 tax map maintenance contract with CAI Technologies. The contract was similar to last years.
- The Board adopted a summer meeting schedule. The next meeting will be held on August 27 at 6 pm.
- The Board approved the staffs request to attend classes at the MAAO Annual School at U-Mass in August.

Discussion/Decision:

- The Board unanimously approved a Disabled Veteran (DV) motor vehicle excise (MVE) exemption for Christina Wichert.
- The Board denied a 2019 MVE exemption for Jesse Lovern. The applicant still retained ownership of the vehicle. The vote was unanimous at 3-0.

- The Board unanimously appointed Mr. Whelihan as Director of Assessments for fiscal year 2020.
- The Board discussed the town's Social Media Policy which is in draft form. Mr. Barry had concerns over the policy as currently written. He felt that parts of the policy are illegal and not enforceable. The Board stated that public officials shouldn't be required to disclose their job title when discussing generalized topics on social media.

Mr. Barry stated that if municipal departments want to create their own social media page, they should have the ability to shut off the comment section. Mr. Minney and Mr. Goff agreed that the Assessors should only comment on assessment related matters during posted Board meetings.

The Board unanimously voted to not create a social media page for the Assessors Office. They will rely on the Assessors page of the town's website to post relevant information.

- The Board discussed the valuation of the assisted living facility. This valuation of this property will be discussed as part of the upcoming revaluation.

7:20 p.m.: Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Goff
Clerk