

Approved 11/30/23

## **Board of Assessors Minutes of Meeting April 13, 2023**

ZOOM CONFERENCE INFORMATION WAS POSTED IN THE MEETING AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC TO JOIN.

**Attendance:** Assessors Norman Charest, Robert Makuch and Jason Barroso, Principal Assessor, Kelly McCormick and Associate Assessor, Jane Ferrentino who joined through zoom.

A motion was made to call the meeting to order at 11:08 AM. There were no calls from the public to join the meeting.

Mr. Barroso made a motion to approve the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Charest seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Barroso made a motion to approve the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Mr. Makuch seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Barroso made a motion to approve the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Open and Executive Session minutes. Mr. Makuch seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Correspondence:**

- MCAA Spring Education Meeting – Kelly informed the Board of the MCAA Spring Education Meeting on Thursday May 4, 2023, at the MHA Conference Center in Burlington, MA 9:30AM- 12:00PM. It is \$35 to attend, and the main topic is Solar Facilities.
- IAAO Course 201 Appraisal of Land – Kelly informed the Board of the IAAO Course 201 being held on Zoom from May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, to May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- HHCAA Spring Meeting - Kelly informed the Board of the HHCAA Spring Meeting on Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, from 8:30 to noon. It is at the Summit View Banquet House in Holyoke. Jane and Kelly will both be attending.
- DLS Fiscal Year 2024 Chapter Land Values – Kelly informed the Board of the Fiscal Year 2024 Values for Chapter Land. Kelly advised the Board that historically the Board has voted to go with the Average Values. Mr. Barroso motioned to stay with the Average Values. Mr. Makuch seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Office Update:**

- Warrant at Town Meeting – Kelly advised the Board of the Assessors Funding for State Mandates of \$16,000 for Fiscal Year 2024 Massachusetts DOR mandated Requirements.
- Optional National Guard and Reservist Exemption Clause 56 - Kelly informed the Board that a homeowner in town reached out and asked that we look into Optional National Guard and Reservist Exemption Clause 56. Kelly explained that the Clause is for any Servicemember Deployed in a Fiscal Year to have their Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes 100% Exempt. The Board will discuss this further at a future meeting and would like more information from other communities.
- Chapter 64G Section 3A Room Occupancy Excise – Kelly informed the Board that Selectman Davenport asked the Board of Assessors to look into adopting Chapter 64G Section 3A Room Occupancy Excise. The Board discussed this, but did not have a

recommendation at this time and would like to have more information. Kelly is going to do more research and the Board will discuss at another meeting.

**Signatures:**

- Payroll
- MAAO 2023 Spring Seminar - Expense #01-141-5420-04 - \$100
- CAI Technologies QTR Mapping - Expense #01-141-5420-04 - \$525

**Executive Session** – At approximately 11:44 AM Mr. Barroso made a motion to enter into Executive Session to comply with the provisions of Chapter 59 Section 60 Purpose #7 to discuss and review the FY2023 Statutory Exemption Applications and FY2023 Real Estate Abatements. Mr. Charest seconded the motion. The Board will resume in Open Session. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Mr. Charest – yes. Mr. Makuch – yes. Mr. Barroso – yes. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**Open Session** - At approximately 1:18 PM Mr. Charest made a motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session to record our votes taken in Executive Session. Mr. Makuch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Mr. Makuch – yes. Mr. Barroso – yes. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

The following list is a recording of the votes taken by the Board of Assessors on the FY2023 Statutory Exemption Applications presented to them at the meeting. A roll call vote was taken on the applications: Mr. Charest – yes. Mr. Makuch – yes. Mr. Barroso – yes. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

MBLU	Block	Lot	Owners Name	Address Line 1	Clause	Vote
21	68	12	LEE J DUFAULT	14 SOUTHWOOD CR	37 NEW	APPROVED
35	25	0	TIMOTHY P LORD	69 NORTH RD	22E	APPROVED
21	172	0	ROBERT L VALLANDINGHAM	70 WOODLAND DR	22E	APPROVED
21	40	17	GREGORY M MURPHY	95 TALL PINES RD	22 NEW	APPROVED
13	22	0	DANIEL J BUDROW	75 SOUTH RD	22	APPROVED
6	11	0	DIANE L FALES	21 OLD ORCHARD RD	22	DEEMED DENIED
7	69	0	GEORGE M DESROSIER	63 COLONY DR	22	APPROVED
7	167	0	JAMES L KIBBE	229 SOMERS RD	22	APPROVED
17	77	0	RITA M LAFERRIERE	76 RAYMOND DR	22	APPROVED
15	21	0	HENRY J WAWRZONEK	203 SOUTH MONSON RD	22	APPROVED

**Next Meeting:**

The next Board meeting will be determined at a later date. Meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jane Ferrentino*  
Associate Assessor