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MINUTES OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MEETING JANUARY 12, 2023

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BARNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

William Garreffi, Chairman called the Session to order at 4:45 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room. In attendance was William Garreffi - Chairman; Andy Machado - Secretary; Melvin Pauze - Board Member; R. Lane Partridge - Director and Lisa Henderson - Clerk; James O'Neill - Betterment Coordinator.

ROLL CALL

Garreffi-present; Machado-present; Pauze-present

GENERAL PUBLIC PRESENT: Town Councilor - Betty Ludtke; Town Councilor - Paul Neary; Bob Powers; Debra Bruinooge.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Town Councilor Betty Ludtke for the 3rd Precinct has constituents (specifically Mr. Powers) looking to file abatements with a primary inquiry on neighborhood codes. Secretary Machado stated that neighborhood codes are not geographic but rather Town wide. Mr. Powers was encouraged not to concentrate on just one particular factor, but rather use a broader view of comparable sales to support his abatement application. Chairman Garreffi, Secretary Machado and Director Partridge stated that filing an abatement is what will start the review process. Director Partridge and Secretary Machado stated that the "Public Comment" of this meeting is not the proper forum for inquiries yet encouraged Mr. Powers to formally request the specific information he seeks in an email. Town Councilor Paul Neary inquired on basic information on the Town's property cards in which Director Partridge addressed.

DIRECTOR UPDATE: We have two vacancies within our staff. One employee took another position within our office, the Betterment Coordinator, and the other accepted a position with another municipality. Our office has moved back into our remodeled office. Abatements are beginning to come in along with many inquiries about personal property tax bills. Due to the increase in values, many property owners received a personal property tax bill for the first time due to their second home values exceeding the threshold. Many old Residential Exemption applications (mostly 2010 applications) have been removed and property owners notified, to have the property owner re-apply to verify it is still their domicile to continue receiving the exemption. Residential Exemption Applicants have until April 3, 2023 to apply for fiscal 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed accepting the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting.
There was a motion and a second to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting.
Vote was UNANIMOUS to APPROVE the minutes.

Garreffi-yes; Machado-yes; Pauze-yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was a motion and a second to convene Executive Session for the following reasons:

To review and approve minutes of the Executive Session held November 15, 2022 which were entered into under G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(7), to comply with G.L. c. 59 §60 and to review and discuss Fiscal 2023 Real Estate Commitments and Warrants, Motor Vehicle 2022-06 Commitment and Warrant, Monthly Reports, Statutory Exemptions, Residential Exemptions, Charitable Exemptions, Chapter Land applications and abatement applications.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21 (a)(3), the Board of Assessors may vote to go into Executive Session to review and discuss pending litigation strategy for cases at the Appellate Tax Board.

The Board MAY reconvene in Open Session following the completion of the Executive Session.

Roll call vote to enter Executive Session at 5:20 PM.

Vote was unanimous to enter Executive Session.

Garreffi-yes; Machado-yes; Pauze-yes

The Board exited executive session at 6:05 PM.

The next Board of Assessors Meeting is scheduled for: **Thursday February 16, 2023 4:45 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Minutes prepared by Lisa Henderson under the supervision of Andy Machado - Secretary


Andy Machado - Secretary

PERSONS INTERESTED ARE ADVISED THAT IN THE EVENT THAT ANY MATTER TAKEN UP AT THE MEETING THAT REMAINS UNFINISHED AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, IT MAY BE PUT OFF TO A CONTINUED SESSION OF THIS MEETING WITH PROPER POSTING.
