

# **BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES**

DECEMBER 27, 2021

1. Brought meeting to order at 5:08 PM.
2. Present: Rebecca Dono Healy, Amy Evanowsky, Jack Valleli, Van Baker.
3. Motion made by Rebecca to approve minutes of meeting held 6 December.

Second: Van Baker

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

4. Re: Habitat for Humanity:

Jennifer Conrad, Habitat's attorney, would like to speak to town counsel regarding a possible remittance. Amy and RRG don't consider this a viable option, considering that the issue has essentially been dormant for three years. Moreover, the income limit set by Habitat for Humanity to qualify for assistance is far in excess of what the Town has approved as the limit for hardship exemptions.

Motion was made by Rebecca for Amy to contact town counsel and FINCOMM regarding a possible town action coordinated with the Selectmen's Office.

Second: Van Baker

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

5. Re: COLA and Town approval of Clause 41C

Motion made by Rebecca to clarify that COLA will apply retroactively to the exemption thresholds established for FY21 and all years moving forward provided that the Town accepts Clause 41C at the annual Town Meeting.

Second: Van Baker

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

6. A motion was made by Van to offer abutters lists in digital form at no cost, and to maintain the cost of \$25 for a physical certified list and mailing labels.

Second: Rebecca Dono Healy

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

7. Re: 22-D exemption. Amy advised the board to abate Q1 and Q2, effectively pro-rating the Q3 and Q4 tax to the new owners who do not qualify for a 22-D exemption.

Rebecca Dono Healy moved to accept this course of action.

Second: Van Baker

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

8. Amy introduced the proposed FY23 budget, and the board made some adjustments, including an \$800 budget for office supplies. The final budget is still pending.

Additionally, there is the possibility that for essentially no extra cost, the Town could

integrate assessment database software and GIS for the public. Van suggested that we keep Vision for the time being, and Rebecca so moved.

Second: Van Baker

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

9. Amy proposed that the board approve RRC to handle personal property valuation.

Rebecca so moved.

Second: Van Baker

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

10. One senior work-off abatement was completed and successfully processed.

11. Mayflower cyclical valuations are completed.

12. Audit went well, Amy suggested that there were few if any issues.

13. The Board suggests that a preliminary agenda for the next monthly meeting should be posted as soon as possible given the start of the new year.

14. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Rebecca.

Second: Van

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

15. Next regular monthly meeting will be February 7, 2022.