

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes January 29, 2020

Chairman Robert G. Cocks, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the Assessors Office. Present were Board Members Charles W. Long, Caroline B. Akins and Town Assessor Amy Gow.

Regular Business

- Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- Departmental Expenditures from January 2, 2020 through January 28, 2020 were reviewed, and corrections noted.

Classified Land Approvals – Chapter 61

Application was discussed and will be continued until next meeting. Assessor to get more information.

Apportionment

- Reviewed and unanimously approved apportionment of Parcel 07-026.

Form of List Extension Request

- Crown Castle Fiber LLC
Board authorized Town Assessor to sign filing date extension.

Warrant Committee Estimates

Preliminary Estimates for FY2021 budgetary planning purposes were unanimously approved as follows:

Overlay Reserve	\$200,000
Overlay Surplus	\$100,000
New Growth	\$175,000

Warrant Articles

The Board unanimously voted to move forward with:

- Article 24: To reduce the Senior Property Tax Deferral Interest Rate from 8% to 4%.
- Article 25: To increase the Senior Property Tax Exemption amount for Clause 41C from a maximum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$2,000.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

At 4:55 PM, Mr. Cocks moved that the Board enter into Executive Session: OML, Purpose 3 – to act under the authority of MGL Chapter 59 § 60, with respect to confidential information, particularly concerning property valuation. The Chairman may wish to declare that to discuss strategy with respect to Appellate Tax Board active and potential litigation during Open Session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the Town.

The Board members were polled individually, and by unanimous roll call vote, convened in Executive Session.

The Board returned to public session at 5:30 PM.

Caucus

- Mr. Cocks will attend the Town Caucus, March 9, 2020 to nominate Ms. Akins who has agreed to run for Board of Assessors.

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Ms. Akins and Mr. Cocks were polled individually, and by unanimous roll call vote, convened in Executive Session.

The Board returned to public session to report on actions taken during their executive session as follows:

FY2020 Real Estate Abatement Application:	1 application approved (2-0, Mr. Long recused)
FY2020 Real Estate Tax Deferral Application:	1 application approved (2-0, Mr. Long recused)
FY2020 Real Estate Exemption Applications:	13 applications approved 3-0 1 application denied 3-0

At 5:37 PM, it was moved by Mr. Cocks and seconded by Ms. Akins to adjourn the meeting. With two members voting, the motion was approved 2-0.