

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Longfellow Municipal Center

Minutes of Meeting

January 27, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Members Present: Karin Furno, Judith Monroe and Natalia Alward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPDATES

- Maps are being reprinted by CAI for 2nd time; new CB zone was not on one set of maps and not on the index page of either set.
- Applied for state MassGIS funding for enhancements to standardized parcel mapping, which will eliminate annual conversion from AutoCad to GIS format. We should know if it is approved/funded by the end of February. If funded, it will involve both CAI (cartographer) and Patriot (CAMA vendor), as well as, some extra hours by the Assistant Assessor. It will also result in the addition of 2-3 extra numbers being added to the property ID numbers, which will then involve Access permitting system adjustments.

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE INQUIRY

Robert K. & Ellen A. Bowen of 98 Providence Street were present to inquire into why their Real Estate tax was higher. The tax rate process was explained and the previous and current bill compared, which showed a much smaller increase than they had thought.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 16, 2015: *On a motion by Monroe and a second by Furno, the Board votes unanimously to accept the minutes of December 16, 2015.*

CORRESPONDENCE

- MAAO Winter Meeting & Workshop notice was received; the event is on 2/24/16 and all three board members plan to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion by Alward and second by Monroe, the Board votes to ratify the signing of the abatement form and certificate for the American Legion FY2014 tax abatement, as granted by DOR.

NEW BUSINESS

Voucher(s) – *On a motion by Alward and second by Monroe, the Board votes unanimously to sign two (2) vouchers (W.B. Mason, Mayflower).*

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements – *On a motion by Alward and second by Monroe, the Board votes unanimously to approve and sign three (3) Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Applications (2015: 2; 2014: 1).*

Monthly Reports – *On a motion by Monroe and second by Alward, the Board votes unanimously to approve and sign the Motor Vehicle Abatement Turnover (1/1/16-1/31/16 for 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013) and the Real and Personal Property Abatement/Exemption (December 2015) reports.*

Town Warrant Articles – The Board plans to propose two warrant articles for the annual town meeting for acceptance, provided there is enough time to do the research and write-up. The first article that would be proposed would provide for active duty service exemptions under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 56. The second article that would be proposed would lower the requirement for state residency from 5 years to 1 for eligibility for veteran personal exemptions.

FY'17 Budget – In response to the DOR "Town of Millville: Financial Management Review" of January 2016 and the 1/27/16 letter from the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Selectmen, the BOA will redo the proposed FY'17 budget to upgrade work hours in order to accommodate research required for unknown properties, etc. There will also be some extra hours required for the MassGIS mapping project, if funded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Alward and second by Monroe, the Board votes unanimously to enter Executive Session to review and discuss veteran and elderly exemption applications and then return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Furno, aye; Monroe, aye; Alward, aye.

The Board reviewed and voted on real estate exemption applications (see Executive Session Minutes of 01/27/16). Four (4) exemption applications were reviewed and three (3) were granted, with one being denied.

On a motion by Monroe and second by Alward, the Board votes unanimously to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Furno, aye; Monroe, aye; Alward, aye.

NEXT MEETING

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Monroe and second by Alward, the Board votes unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

--Natalia Alward



Karin Furno, Chairperson



Judith Monroe



Natalia Alward

APPROVED AND SIGNED ON MARCH 3, 2016

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
MAR 14 2016
TIME:
Signature