

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 18^h at 7 pm
380 Great Rd, Stow MA
Whitney Room 1st Floor

Call to order at 7:08 PM.

Cindy Cummings (Member), Leonard Golder (Member), Thomas Ryan (Chair), and Kristen Fox (Principal Assessor) were present.

Public Comments: None

Chair Comments: Happy Holidays!

All votes were unanimous by roll-call.

Discussion/Vote: Meeting Minutes from 12/5/2023. Cindy Cummings made motion to approve, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: Fiscal Year 2024 Community Preservation Surcharge Warrant in the amount of \$852,766.90. Cindy Cummings made motion to approve, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously. Fiscal Year 2024 Actual Real Estate Tax Warrant in the amount of \$32,898,272.47. Cindy Cummings made a motion to approve, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously. Fiscal Year 2024 Actual Personal Property Tax Warrant in the amount of \$376,874.27. Cindy Cummings made a motion to approve, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously. Fiscal Year 2024 Actual Commitment for the above-mentioned amounts. Cindy Cummings made a motion to approve, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Assessors' Office which includes a request for \$23,200 for the valuation article, and \$220,324 for salaries and operating expenses. Cindy Cummings made motion to approve, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion: Guidelines for the Veteran Work Off Program. The board requested that Lauren Field draft some guidelines based off the current veteran exemption requirements, to be reviewed at the next meeting. Kristen Fox informed the board that the legal team at the Division of Local Services is of the opinion that a taxpayer may participate in both the Senior Work Off Program and the Veteran Work Off Program. The legal team suggests that cities/towns set guidelines for participating in both programs.

Other Business: Kristen Fox discussed an email from the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers which indicates that the NSTAR appellate tax board cases against the Board of Assessors will be withdrawn in a couple of weeks.

Adjourn: Cindy Cummings made a motion to adjourn at 8:02pm, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Fox

Kristen Fox, Principal Assessor