

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
380 Great Rd, Stow MA  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Whitney Room  
Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2023**

Call to order at 7:02 PM.

Leonard Golder (Chair) and Thomas Ryan (Member) of the Board Of Assessors were present. Kristen Fox (Principal Assessor), Lauren Field (Assistant Assessor) were also present. Two taxpayers were present, Karyn Pazary and Kevin McManus.

Public Comments – Two taxpayers had concerns and questions about the abatement process, including how to appeal with the Appellate Tax Board. Taxpayer questioned how to initiate process, asked questions on what goes into deciding value. Leonard Golder answered that sales drive value.

**All votes were unanimous by roll-call.**

Comments by Chair: There were none.

Discussion/Vote: minutes of March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Thomas Ryan made a motion to accept as amended the minutes, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: 2023 MV & 2022 MV excite warrants and commitments – Thomas Ryan made a motion to accept, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: Revised & Omitted warrants of \$5,150.72 (RE) and \$100.30 (CPA). Thomas Ryan made a motion to accept, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: 1<sup>ST</sup> Supplemental Pro Rata/Warrants & Commitments for \$32,260.66 (RE) and \$967.81 (CPA). Thomas Ryan made a motion to accept, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: March 2023 Excise Tax Report – Boat excise abatement of \$30 and MV 2020/2021/2023 excise abatement of \$7,842.99. Thomas Ryan made a motion to accept, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Votes: Abatement Lists for Accountant -- PP excise abatement of \$1.93 & \$149.10. Thomas Ryan made a motion to accept, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: Rollback tax warrants on 61A for 63/65 White Pond. Thomas Ryan made a motion to accept issuing rollback taxes in the amount of \$3,535.75 & \$23,912.50 respectively, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: Stow Acres FY2023 Actual Bills – Kristen Fox advises abating 4<sup>th</sup> quarter under CH. 59-72A, Thomas Ryan made a motion to accept, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: Two invoices were presented for payment, one for MAAO & one for USPS Postage.

Thomas Ryan made a motion to accept, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Items Tabled: Minutes from May 12, 2022, FY23 CPA Application, FY24 Senior Work Off Application, & FY24 61A Application. Items tabled due to absence of third board member.

Other Business – MGL 59 Section 22G was discussed for Town Meeting. Key points will be written down for Leonard Golder to discuss at meeting if necessary.

Executive Session -- Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30a Section 21(a)7 and under MGL Chapter 59, Section 60 to discuss Fiscal Year 2023 Abatement Applications, and Personal Exemptions.

Thomas Ryan made a motion to enter executive session at 8:32 with no return to Open Session, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned in Executive Session at 9:26.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Field, Assistant Assessor

*Lauren Field*