

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, at 7pm**  
**380 Great Rd, Stow MA**  
**Whitney Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

Call to order at 7:06 PM.

Leonard Golder (Member) & Thomas Ryan (Chair) of the Board of Assessors were present, as well as Kristen Fox (Principal Assessor) & Lauren Field (Assistant Assessor). Cindy Cummings (potential board member) was also present.

Public Comments & Comment By Chair – Thomas Ryan welcomed Cindy and explained in short what one can expect as a BOA member.

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

**Discussion/Vote:** Invoices for Assessor's Office – DLS Class for Kristen Fox (\$100) & Real Estate Research Consultants for appraising 504s (\$4,000). Leonard Golder made motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Ryan. Vote passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Vote:** Minutes from 7/11/2023. Leonard Golder made a motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Ryan. Vote passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Vote:** Motor Vehicle Excise, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter for \$62,764.28. Leonard Golder made motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Ryan. Vote passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Vote:** Boat Excise Tax Abatements for July 2023. No abatements were processed. The board discussed allowing Kristen Fox to sign null reports. Leonard Golder made motion to allow the Principal Assessor to sign null reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Ryan. Vote passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Vote:** Motor Vehicle Abatements for July 2023 for \$2,531.25. Leonard Golder made motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Ryan. Vote passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Vote:** Reversal & Cancelled Abatements for July 2023. One reversal (\$146.85) & one canceled abatement (\$44.99) were posted. Leonard Golder made motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Ryan. Vote passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Vote:** April 2023 Real Estate Abatements for \$2,076.57. Leonard Golder made motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Ryan. Vote passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Vote:** Supplemental Tax Bills for FY2023 for CPA (\$119.54) and Real Estate (\$3,984.88). Leonard Golder made motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Ryan. Vote passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Vote:** Chapter land Release for 000R-4/000003 & 0004-9/000014A. Vote to remove old lien and impose new lien due to change of ownership, but not change of use. Release of old lien & filing of new lien are contingent on ownership party paying recording fees associated. Leonard Golder made motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Ryan. Vote passed unanimously.

**Other Business:** Leonard Golder brought up tax-payer questions about Conservation restrictions and further reducing taxes considering Conservation Restrictions affect value. Kristen Fox (Assessor) explained Conservation Restrictions are already discounted as the land is valued as unbuildable backland.

Executive Session -- Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21.a(3) and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 60, to discuss Pending Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022 ATB Litigation, Fiscal Year 2023 abatement application, Chapter 61A Matter, and FY24 personal exemption applications.

Thomas Ryan made a motion to enter executive session at 8:17, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Other Business: Cindy Cummings expressed interest in being appointed to the Board of Assessors. The meeting adjourned in Executive Session at 9:41.

**Next Meeting: TBD**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lauren Field", is written over a horizontal line.

Lauren Field, Assistant Assessor of Stow