

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 17th 2023 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), Kristen Fox (Principal Assessor) & Lauren Field (Assistant Assessor) were present.

Public Comments & Chair Comments: There were none.

All votes were unanimous by roll-call.

Discussion/Vote: Invoices for the following: KRT Appraisals (\$8,944.00) for September-October cyclical inspections, VISION (\$1,000) for interim adjustments, NEARMAP (\$7,730) for 10/23-10/24 subscription, & IAAO (\$240) for membership dues. Cindy Cummings made a motion to approve invoices for payment, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: Meeting Minutes from 9/26/2023. Cindy Cummings made motion to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: Boat Excise 1st Commitment FY2024 for \$4,006.00 . Cindy Cummings made motion to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: FY2023 Motor Vehicle Excise 5th Commitment for \$38,601.73. Cindy Cummings made motion to approve, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: August 2023 Motor Vehicle Abatement Report for \$1,782.94. Cindy Cummings made motion to approve, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion/Vote: September 2023 Motor Vehicle Abatement Report for \$987.98. Cindy Cummings made motion to approve, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussion: Board Meeting Schedule. BOA's next meeting dates are 11/7/2023 & 12/5/2023.

Discussion: FY2024 Property Values. Kristen Fox informed the board that the FY2024 Property Values & New Growth have been approved by the Department of Revenue; next step is to set tax rate.

Discussion: Means Tested Exemption: This potential exemption was discussed at the Select Board Meeting on 10/10/2023. Kristen Fox and the Town Administrator will research further. Kristen Fox informed the board about a tax relief bill that was just approved by the Governor. This tax relief bill may come with local options to be adopted, pending Informational Guideline Releases.

Discussion/Vote: Assessor's Motion to Authorize Kristen Fox to sign Tax Rate Forms. The board approved this authorization contingent on Kristen Fox bringing the signed reports to the next BOA meeting to inform the board. Leonard Golder made motion to accept the authorization, seconded by Cindy Cummings. Vote passed unanimously.

Other Business: The board had a brief discussion about Free Cash.

Executive Session -- Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21.a(3) and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 60, to discuss FY24 personal

exemption applications & review former executive session minutes.

Cindy Cummings made a motion to enter executive session at 8:58, seconded by Leonard Golder. Vote passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Field, Assistant Assessor of Stow