

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

March 29, 2021

9:00 AM STARBARD BUILDING

Members Present: Rosemary Scully, James Dillon

Meeting started: 9am...

1. Acceptance of Minutes: approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting.

2. Fiscal Year 2021:

Review Abatement Application: Real Estate (1)

Real Estate: 1 granted

Total abatements for Fiscal Year 2021:

Real Estate: 3, \$1,646.04

Personal Property: 2, \$68.03

Exemptions filed and approved to date: 117

Ten recent applications filed, approved, pending notification

April 1, 2021: deadline to file for personal exemption on real estate

Supplemental Real Estate Tax: Fiscal year 2021-1 was issued on March 24, 2021.

Twenty-six total bills: \$81,755.91. This was nearly twice what was issued in the Fiscal Year 2020-1 time period.

There will be several for the Fy2021-2 mailing which is planned for September.

3. Motor Vehicle Excise:

Notice from RMV: 2nd commitment for 2021 will be delayed due to an issue with principal place of garaging in their system.

Will be combined with commitment going out in May 2021.

4. Fiscal Year 2022:

Re-certification year with the Department of Revenue.

Vision Government Solutions: Residential Real Estate, contract signed

Vision Government Solutions: Commercial/Industrial, contract signed.

RRC Personal Property: scheduled to begin on June 7th, complete by August 23rd.

DLS Advisor: Jack Lyons. Meeting scheduled here April 15th at 10am.

Work plan Approved: DOR review of values scheduled August 23, 2021

Personal Property forms of lists: approximately 50% returned to date

Commercial/Industrial, Apartments: Income and Expense forms, mailed 160, 2/12/21

Preparing second notice for Income and Expense: mailing April 12, 2021

2020 Sale letters: mailed 330 on February 2, 2021.

Continue to hear from new owners. Reviewing by phone and online data base has been good.

Sales trend: 2021 sales in January and February very typical of past years.

Total of the two months is forty-five. Inventory is low now and sale prices very high.

Advocates, Inc.: added property purchased in 2020 at 160 Doyle Road to the 3ABC for exempt status fy2022. Approved.

Town Buildings: Preparing for future opening to the public. Possibility of early summer access.

5. Staff Training:

Course 101: Introduction to Assessing, Gateway, Amy and Erica have completed.

WCAA workshop: Chapter 61, Forestry program, office attended via zoom on March 24, 2021

MAAO spring conference: Rose scheduled to attend via zoom, April 14, 2021

Vision Government Solutions- annual conference and training, April 28th and 29th, Rose is scheduled to attend via zoom.

Staff will continue participation in training/classes when opportunities are available. All have been online this past year.

6. Budget:

Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager have been meeting the past month with the Department Heads and Finance Committee reviewing budgets.

General Government met with Finance Committee: March 24, 2021, 6:30pm

Town Meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2021.

Meeting adjourned 9:45am. Next meeting April 26, 2021 at 10am

Approval of Minutes: _____
