

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
January 30, 2024

9:00 AM

STARBARD BUILDING

Members Present: Rosemary Scully, James Dillon
Meeting started: 9am...

1. Acceptance of Minutes: approve the minutes of the October 31, 2023 meeting.

2. Fiscal Year 2024:

Executive session: Real estate and Personal property abatement applications
Review Abatement Applications: Real Estate (1) and Personal Property (0)
Real Estate: 1 denied Personal Property: 0
Remaining applications for abatement: appointments for inspections in February
Return to open session: 9:15am

Fiscal Year 2024: tax rate of \$14.15 approved on November 7, 2023

Actual Tax Bills: Real Estate- 8,656 total \$50,312,923.97

*includes betterments and liens

Personal Property - 417 total \$539,104.23

Exemptions filed prior to actual tax billing:

Total: 108, \$83,150.33

Certificates mailed December 29, 2023, Applications continue to be received and will be processed. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2024

3. Motor Vehicle Excise:

Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment: #6 of 2023, 573 bills, \$62,069.87 11/28/23

Motor Vehicle Abatements:

October: Levy of 2023 - 37 abatements, \$3,774.86

Levy of 2022 - 1 abatement, \$65.63

Levy of 2021 - 1 abatement, \$142.73

November: Levy of 2023- 26 abatements, \$1,413.86

December: Levy of 2023 -32 abatements, \$2,545.50

Levy of 2018 - 1 abatement, \$31.67

4. Fiscal Year 25:

Interim year with the Department of Revenue. DLS advisor – Mary Oliver
Vision Government Solutions to work with on Real Estate.
RRC to work with on Personal Property.
Personal Property forms of list and 3ABC charitable forms mailed 12/29/2023
Commercial/Indust, Apartments: Income and Expense forms, will mail 2/12/24
2023 Sale letters: November-December will mail February 1, 2024.
Plan updates: complete, land splits and adjustments, working on GIS maps
Classified Land updates:
Chapter 61 Forestry: Estate of Burton Berg, 10 year plan. 206/3 Renewed
Nimrod League of Holden, 10 year plan. 9/1, 4/2 Renewed
Chapin Road Trust: transfer of property to Town of Holden
Spring Ledge Farm: 113 acres total, with Greater Worcester
Land Trust and City of Worcester, January 17, 2024
219/2,219/3,220/40
Chapter 61A: Agricultural/Horticultural
90/33 – remove from Chapter 61A for fy2025, did not file
69/9, 69/11-remove from Chapter 61A for fy2025, did not file
209/23 – remove from Chapter 61A for fy2025, did not file
Discussion of Cell Towers: will review with Vision

5. Staff:

Training: Office Staff participated in MAAO zoom training, January 23, 2024
Overview of the Open Meeting Law and Robert's Rules
Rose: MAAO Winter Conference, February 7, 2024 via Zoom
Cyclical Inspections: Michael and Kathy plan to return in spring.
Michelle is preparing the mailings to send postcards end of March

6. Budget:

Town department budgets are being prepared for Fiscal Year 2025.
Minimal change from fy2024: Computer replacements
Meeting with the Finance Committee: March 27, 2024, 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned 9:50am.

Approval of Minutes: _____
