

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2020**

6:03PM

Zoom Meeting

Present: Anthony Renzoni, Tyler Gibbs, Robert Lavigne, Geri Herlihy, Chiara Barnes
(6:11PM)

Others Present: Peter Lukes, Town Manager
Stephanie King, Assistant Town Manager
Stephen Madaus, Town Counsel
Liz Fotos, Town Recorder

Chairman Renzoni called the meeting to order at 6:03PM. The Board waived the Pledge of Allegiance as the meeting was being conducted via zoom.

1. Vote to Extend Real Estate Tax Due Date to 6/1

Sel. Herlihy moved that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, vote to extend the due date of the Fiscal Year 2020 fourth quarter property tax bill from May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020; and further request that the Town Treasurer/ Collector in concert with the Town Manager provide notice of this extension to taxpayers by posting in prominent location on the Town's website by, posting on official Town social media accounts, and by any other means the Town Manager deems appropriate. The Motion was seconded by Sel. Gibbs.

Mr. Lukes stated that the reason for this motion was to offer some degree of assistance for tax payers and residents due to the financial impacts of COVID 19. He stated that this would move the deadline of property taxes. Mr. Lukes stated that legislation allowed for this last week and then they needed the ruling that allowed the Town to not have to mail all the residents. He stated that they can now post it on websites and social media.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO EXTEND THE REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE DATE TO 6/1/20 AS PRESENTED.** (Herlihy: yes Gibbs: yes; Lavigne: yes; Renzoni: yes).

2. Vote to Extend Due Date for Exemption and Deferrals to 6/1

Sel. Herlihy moved that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, vote to extend the due date under MGL Chapter 59, Section 59 for application for exemption from April 1, 2020 to May 2, 2020; and further request that the Principal Assessor in concert with the Town Manger provide notice of this extension by posting in a prominent location on the Town's website, by posting on official Town social media accounts, and by any other means the Town Manager deems appropriate. Sel. Gibbs seconded the motion.

Mr. Lukes stated that this is an attempt to assist residents further.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO EXETND THE DUE DATE FOR EXEMPTION AND DEFERRALS TO 6/1/20 AS PRESENTED.** (Herlihy: yes; Gibbs: yes; Lavigne: yes; Renzoni: yes).

3. **Waive interest and other penalty for late payment of any excise tax, betterment assessment or apportionment thereof, water rate or annual sewer use or other charge added to a tax for any payments with a due date on or after March 10, 2020 where payment is made after its respective due date but before June 30, 2020.**

Sel. Herlihy moved that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, vote to waive interest and penalties for any late payment of any excise tax, betterment assessment or apportionment thereof, water rate, sewer rate, or any other charge added to a tax for any payment with a due date on or after March 10, 2020, where payment is made after its respective due date but before June 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Sel. Gibbs.

Mr. Lukes stated that they discussed this with the treasurer early on and originally the Town delayed mailing and penalties for late payment. He stated that this vote was allowed by legislation last week and it will allow residents to stall payments without penalty.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY voted by a roll call vote to waive interest and other penalty for late payment of any excise tax, betterment assessment or apportionment thereof, water rate or annual sewer use or other charge added to a tax for any payments with a due date on or after March 10, 2020 where payment is made after its respective due date but before June 30, 2020 as presented.** (Herlihy: yes; Gibbs: yes; Lavigne: yes; Renzoni: yes).

4. **Town Manager**

Mr. Lukes stated that this week Help at Home and Brian Bullock worked to call on the residents in Town that have the ability and desire to help out others in town in need. He stated that in the utility bills this week would be a flyer that gave directions on how to donate to Help at Home. He stated that they were trying to make it as simple as possible to both donate and receive help if needed.

Chairman Renzoni stated that he would put a link on his page for the Wounded Warriors as well. He stated that as of April 7, 2020 there was \$10 million dedicated for Wounded Warriors. He stated that if anyone knew of any other programs that they should get the information out to the Town Manager's Office so that the Town could continue to work these problems.

Sel. Barnes entered the meeting at 6:11PM.

Motion by Sel. Barnes, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 13, 2020 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AT 6:12PM.** (Barnes: yes; Gibbs: yes; Herlihy: yes; Lavigne: yes; Renzoni: yes).

APPROVED: _____ June 8, 2020 _____