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MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Board of Assessors Meeting which was held on November 15, 2019

Bruce Cabral, MA
Director of Assessing

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Location: Town Hall Conference Room

Meeting participants: Clerk Michael Leitzel, Member Ellen Doyle Sullivan, Director of Assessing Bruce Cabral and Assistant Assessor Rui Pereira

Open Session Meeting called to order: at 9:05 am

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Open Session and Executive Session Meetings of the Board of Assessors, which was held on: September 26, 2019. A motion to approve and release the minutes was made by Ellen Doyle Sullivan, seconded by Michael Leitzel and the vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2020 projected property valuations, new growth, tax rate and residential factor (tax levy classification percentages). A motion was made by Ellen Doyle Sullivan and seconded by Michael Leitzel to recommend a single tax rate. The vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

The Board reviewed an application for Chapter 61B land qualification for the property at 9 Saguaro Lane (Assessors ID 24.3 – 37). A motion was made by Michael Leitzel and seconded by Ellen Doyle Sullivan to inform the applicant via letter, that the Board would extend a period of time to December 3, 2019 for the applicant to submit additional information related to access of the land by a non-profit organization. The vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following topics:

- It was noted that cyclical real estate property inspections would be performed in the Spring of 2020 by pkValuation group and the Assessing Department staff. A contract with pkValuation Group exists for the inspection of approximately 1,000 properties this fiscal year.
- The possibility of supporting a monetary increase in the Senior Work-off Exemption Program. The current exemption amount is approximately \$500 per year. The Board was open to a possible increase, particularly due to the hourly limitations imposed by an increasing minimum wage.
- If any Residential Personal Property exemption had ever been considered or approved in prior years for affordably priced, year-round rental properties. No exemption was noted currently nor in prior years by the Board.

No votes were considered necessary or taken for the topics noted above, as no decisions were needed.

Under M.G.L. c. 30A Sec. 21(a)(7) and to comply with M.G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 60., a motion was made by Ellen Doyle Sullivan and seconded by Michael Leitzel to go into Executive session to discuss a veterans exemption application related to Fiscal Year 2020 taxes.

Executive Session called to order: at 10:01 am

The Board reviewed a Massachusetts Clause 22 veteran exemption application for the owner of 14 Sycamore Avenue (Assessors ID 3.0-238-0). The applicant was determined to be eligible for the exemption for Fiscal Year 2020. A motion was made by Ellen Doyle Sullivan and seconded by Michael Leitzel to approve the application. The vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ellen Doyle Sullivan and seconded by to reconvene to Open Session. The motion was unanimous by a roll call vote.

Executive session adjourned: at 10:23 am

Open Session meeting reconvened: at 10:23 am

Meeting Adjourned: at 10:29 am

Respectfully submitted,

 1/28/2020

Bruce Cabral, MAA
Director of Assessing