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MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2023

Board Members Present: Geraldine Walter, Jessica Perotti and Beverly Gilbert

Board Members Absent: None

Regional Resource Group Present: Harald Scheid, *dismisses himself at 11:35 am*

Tax Collector Present: Ken Bilodeau, *from 10:00 am -10:04 am*

Town Administrator Present: Katherine Warden, *11:09 am-11:18 am on the phone*

Public Present: None

The meeting is called to order at 9:41 am.

Reviewed:

- Executive Session: MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a) – to review Exemption and Abatement Applications: Jess makes a motion to enter into Executive Session as discussions in open session may be detrimental to the town. Bev seconds the motion. Roll-call vote: Geri: aye, Jess: aye, Bev: aye. All in favor. Motion passes. The board enters into Executive Session from 9:41 am-9:50 am. Bev makes a motion to return to open session. Jess seconds the motion. Roll-call vote: Geri: aye, Jess: aye, Bev: aye. Motion passes.
- There is a brief discussion regarding processing and issuing abatement certificates. Geri advises she will review the spreadsheet.
- Ken Bilodeau stops in to the meeting to discuss properties that received Preliminary Bills but did not receive Actual Bills. Also, Administrative Abatements needed for the revised and omitted bills for Sherwood Forest and Sherwood Greens. Harald advises he will write those up for processing.
- Review and approval of meeting minutes: Tabled.
- Motor Vehicle Abatement Applications: Processed.
- Staffing: Jess confirms with Harald that Regional Resource Group (RRG) will be working with Becket through the end of FY 2024. Harald further advises that if Becket finds a candidate to fill the position, he will be a mentor for them until the end of FY 2024. Harald suggests putting an advertisement on Indeed. The board contacts Katherine Warden by phone. She lets the board and Harald know that she has also been unsuccessful in finding someone to fill this position. Harald agrees he will write up a position description that includes a salary range.
- Any other business to come before the board: Jess advises that the Toomey's are selling two lots that are currently in Chapter 61 to US Fish & Wildlife. Since the properties will remain in a protected status, the board agrees to waive the back taxes. Harald advises to email Marina to draft a lien release.

Jess also let the board and Harald know that Robert Ronzio notified her that he will be supplying a list of properties acquired by Sherwood Forest Lake District that will need to be put into a tax exempt status.

List for districts: Jess confirms with Harald that all property owner lists regarding FY 2024 that will be provided to the districts will include property owners as of January 1, 2023.

- **Adjournment:** Jess makes a motion to adjourn. Geri seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 11:56 am.