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## **MEETING MINUTES**

October 20, 2022

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Regional Resource Group Present:** Harald Scheid, *from 9:15-11:27 am*

**Town Administrator Present:** Katherine Warden, *from 12:10 -12:55 pm*

**Public Present:** None

The meeting is called to order at 9:15 am.

### **Reviewed:**

- Real Estate and Personal Property Abatement Applications: Harald lets the board know there is no need to enter into Executive Session since the board has already made their decisions on the abatement applications. He will make the necessary corrections and forward the abatement certificates for distribution to property owners.
- FY 2023 Tax Rate: Harald lets the board know he expects to have the tax rate set before the end of November. He further explains that most of the building permits have been inspected with the balance to be finished early next week. He advises the Land Rate Table for FY 2023 will not require any changes but building values will need to be raised approximately 21% (twenty-one percent) overall. Following a brief discussion, the board agrees with Harald.
- Review and approval of meeting minutes: Bev **makes a motion** to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2022 meeting. Jess **seconds the motion**. Following a brief discussion, the board agrees the Executive Session portion of the meeting will not be released to the public. All in favor. **Motion passes.**
- Motor Vehicle abatement applications: There are no completed applications to process.
- Chapter 61 applications: Harald lets the board know he has entered the new Chapter 61 properties for FY 2023 and will prepare the liens while he is in the office today. The board has a brief discussion regarding the applications for FY 2024 and agrees to extend the due date to December 15, 2022. Jess will prepare a mailing for the current property owners enrolled in Chapter 61 to notify them of the extension.
- Correspondence: Jess lets Harald know that the property maps for 2022 have been received and asks if he could review them to ensure all map changes have been implemented. Harald agrees he will review them.
- Overlay account: Harald has a brief discussion with the board regarding Eversource's ongoing litigations with Massachusetts communities. Based on this, the board agrees the overlay account needs to have additional funds to cover potential abatements.
- Kathe has a brief discussion with the board regarding scheduling a meeting with a representative from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The board agrees it would be beneficial to have the meeting to ensure they are taking advantage of all resources available.
- The board has an additional discussion with Kathe regarding setting up a computer in the Assessors' Office for the purpose of public access to the Assessors' Database that is available on the website in order to replace the counter books that are out of date.
- Jess **makes a motion** to adjourn. Bev **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** The meeting is adjourned at 1:00 pm.