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MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2023

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

Board Members Absent: None Associate Assessor: Chris Cozzaglio

Town Staff Present: Paul Greene, from 1:40-1:45pm and Katherine Warden, from 2:00 pm-2:47 pm

Cai Technologies President Present: Franco Rossi, via Zoom Public Present: Brian Hebert, Dave and Kathy Dickinson

The meeting is called to order at 1:05 pm.

The board recognizes Dave and Kathy Dickinson. Dave passes out copies of a letter outlining their inquiries to the board. Dave and Kathy have a brief discussion with the board and Chris regarding the denial they received on their abatement. They also challenge the square footage listed on file. Chris lets them know he reviewed the last few years and the general data shows their increase was less than the average of the town. He further explains the sales review of calendar year 2021. He suggests conducting an inspection of the property to correct any errors. Dave and Kathy agree and Chris lets them know he will call to schedule the inspection.

Next, the board recognizes Brian Hebert. Brian points out a letter from the Building Inspector, Paul Greene, that was included with his abatement application confirming the building was only used for cold storage. Chris asks Brian if he could do an inspection of the property. Brian agrees and Chris lets him know he will call to schedule it.

The board connects to Zoom and meets with Franco Rossi, President of CAI Technologies to discuss the contract renewal for the upcoming year. Chris agrees he will read deeds and the board agrees not to reintroduce the paper property index file as previously requested. Franco confirms he will resend the original quote for signatures.

Next, the board discusses the status of the district salary billing. The board informs Chris that the former Town Administrator, William Caldwell, had taken this duty from the board. Geri further explains the districts are charged 3% of their annual budget for the work the town does for them in regards to tax collection. Following a brief discussion, Chris agrees to manage the district salaries. He will draft a letter of explanation for the board's approval at an upcoming meeting.

Paul Greene stops in to the meeting to give an update on a new construction permit for a dwelling on Assessors' map/lot: 408/53. He confirms corrections were made on the original permit in question and permit R-23-0017 with the higher fees should be used instead.

Review and approval of meeting minutes: The board reviews the minutes of their meetings held December 28, 2022, January 18 and 25, 2023 and February 27, 2023. Due to the edits needed, Jess requests to table the approvals until the next meeting. The board agrees.

Kathe Warden stops in to the meeting to discuss a program to recoup the town's operation in case of an emergency.

The board processes the motor vehicle abatement applications.

Chris confirms he will work on the administrative abatements and expects to have them ready for the next meeting.

Jess makes a motion to adjourn. Bev seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. Meeting is adjourned at 4:00 pm.