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MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2023

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

Associate Assessor: Chris Cozzaglio

Board Members Absent: None

Town Administrator Present: Kathe Warden, from 11:50-11:54 am

Public Present: Gail Kusek

The meeting is called to order at 9:54 am.

Reviewed:

The board recognizes Gail Kusek. Gail lets the board know she is interested in volunteering to work in the Assessors' Office to do filing, data entry or anything else they need. There is a brief discussion regarding the confidential nature of some of the documents within the department. She suggests taking pictures of houses. Chris explains that those need to be taken during what would have to be considered an official inspection.

Chris advises the board will not need to go into Executive Session as he does not have the Administrative Abatements and Revised/Omitted Bills ready yet but will be dropping them off on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. He asks the board to approve them as presented so they can be signed by the board once complete. Jess makes a motion to approve the Revised and Omitted Bills and Administrative Abatements as presented by Chris Cozzaglio. Bev seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Assessor update: Chris lets the board know he has drafted a letter to send to the districts explaining the current status of the amounts due to the town. He clarifies that he still needs to review their budgets to input what will be collected for FYs 2023 and FY 2024.

Next, Chris advises the board he has conducted three inspections. Two of these inspections will be receiving changes to their property record card; the other will not require any changes. He will go over the inspections with the board at their next meeting. He requests to hold a meeting later in May. Following a brief discussion, the board agrees to check their schedules and confirm the date at a later time.

Adelson & Company PC - Information requested for audit: Jess advises the data requested for the town audit was sent to Adelson & Company PC. She thanks Chris for gathering the information.



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Review and approval of meeting minutes: The board reviews minutes of the meetings held on December 28, 2022, January 18 and 25, 2023 and February 27, 2023. With the exception of December, the board held Executive Sessions at all meetings. Following their review, Geri makes a motion to approve all minutes reviewed. Bev seconds the motion. The board agrees not to release any Executive Session minutes to the public. All in favor. Motion passes.

Bev lets the board know she was approached by Officer Nicole Miller who inquired about the book of road maps officers used to keep in their patrol cars. She advises the one she found was from 2007. She asked if it was something that could be updated for current use. Chris advises he will need to look at what is available with the mapping company. He further advises he will check the records on file with the Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk.

Motor Vehicle Abatement Applications: The board processes the completed applications received.

Jess lets the board know she received an inquiry from Center Pond regarding a discussion brought up last year regarding building lots within the Center Pond District. Specifically, the refer to 71 Beach Road as an example. Chris reviews the information quickly and determines the lots were "combined" for billing purposes only. Each lot could be sold separately. He clarifies it is not up to the Assessors' Office to determine whether a lot is buildable or not. All lots are considered buildable unless a property owner submits documentation from a registered official proving otherwise.

Kathe Warden stops in to the meeting and informs the board of their projected wages for FY 2024.

Jess makes a motion to adjourn. Bev seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 11:55 am.