



**Town of Becket
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MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2023

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

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Assessor Present: Chris Cozzaglio

Regional Resource Group Present: Harald Scheid

Public Present: None

The meeting is called to order at 10:06 am.

Executive Session: MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a) 6 - to review Exemption and Abatement Applications: Jess makes a motion to enter into Executive Session as discussion is 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 at 9:42 am. While in Executive Session, the board takes a brief recess from 9:56 am until 10:06 am to process motor vehicle abatements and review meeting minutes. Jess makes a motion to return to Executive Session. Bev seconds the motion. Roll-call vote: Geri: aye, Jess: aye, Bev: aye. All in favor. Motion passes. The board is in Executive Session from 10:06 am until 10:13 am.

Meeting minutes: During their recess from Executive Session, the board reviews the meeting minutes of their last meeting. Bev makes a motion to approve the minutes for May 22, 2023. Geri seconds the motion. Discussion: The board agrees not to release the Executive Session to the public. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motor vehicle abatement applications: Processed.

Assessor update: Chris talks with the board about a part-time resident that became a full-time resident a few years ago at 138 Mystic Isle Way but due to not being able to get mail delivered to their house, they were using an address of their family member, which is outside of Becket, to get their mail. Geri explains it is up to the taxpayer to relay that type of information to ensure they are taxed properly. Jess lets the board know the account was made inactive, for FY 2024, in mid-May. The board has a brief discussion regarding putting some information about personal property on the website and on the bulletin board in the office. Ultimately, the board agrees they are not in favor of extending any retroactive abatements.

The board has a brief discussion regarding redesigning the office for security purposes.

Land of low value: Chris explains these accounts are uncollectable and have been processed. He clarifies these accounts are now under the control of the Treasurer.



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District salaries: Chris lets the board know he will be sending out the bills along with letters of explanation. He is still trying to determine what is due for past years. He asks the board to sign the salary requests. The board signs based on his recommendations.

Street listings: Jess lets Chris know she spoke with the Town Clerk, Robin Mathiesen, regarding his request for a list of roads and she is looking for advisement. He advises she will need to review the town meetings to update the list. He clarifies the list was last updated in 2007 so that is the starting point. The list should only include roads that are maintained by the town.

Volunteering: Chris lets the board know he confirmed that volunteers can help with general mailings but cannot accept applications or file confidential documents. The board has a brief discussion regarding Gail Kusek's inquiry about volunteering and Jess agrees to contact Gail about a property survey reorganization project.

Computer for public access: Bev agrees to consult with the Town Administrator, Kathe Warden, about the availability of the end of year budget to add a computer to the office so that the public can utilize the Assessors' database on the town website. Following the board's break, Bev relays she spoke with Kathe and she will consult John Shannon to see if one could be provided through a town grant.

The board takes a break from 11:06 am – 11:24 am.

Jess lets the board know she followed up, again, on the request to change the service dates of Tyler to coincide with the start of the fiscal year, July 1, but has not yet received a confirmation.

Jess advises there will be a presentation of the QDS CAMA (Quality Data System/Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) program on June 29th at Egremont Town Hall. She was advised by Harald Scheid it will also be held via Zoom and the meeting/login information will be sent closer to the event.

Abutter's list, 50 Dawn Drive: Jess lets the board know she discovered there is no owner information on file for Assessors' map/lot: 204/87. Chris advises he will research and determine the owner after the meeting. He advises there may not be current information to relay and may be deemed undeliverable.

Jess reminds Chris personal property accounts need to be created before the end of the calendar year.

Bev reminds Jess her term expires at the end of June and she will need to submit her reappointment application by June 16, 2023.

Bev makes a motion to adjourn. Geri seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 12:13 pm.