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**MEETING MINUTES**

November 13, 2023

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

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Assessor Present: Chris Cozzaglio

Public Present: None

Town Staff Present: Kathe Warden, Town Administrator – *present from 1:19 pm until 1:35 pm*

Call to order: The meeting is called to order at 12:05 pm.

Review of meeting minutes from October 2, 2023: Following the board's review, Jess makes a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2023. Bev seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Correspondence:

- Land of Low Value - Notice from Department of Revenue: Jess notes that Chris received this email today as he was not cc'd on the original email. Tabled to the next meeting.
- Foreclosed properties: Chris lets the board know that some of the properties that had been taken by the town due to non-payment of taxes have not been put into the name of "Town of Becket". He is making those changes.

Old Business:

- Municipal COOP Checklist: Chris reports he needs to talk to Kathe before he can continue working on this.
- 5K Program: Chris advises he will have a proposed budget for this program at the next meeting. There is a brief discussion and the board agrees to have the Town Administrator, Kathe Warden, join the meeting when she is available; see below in Any other business to come before the board.

New Business:

- Contract with Regional Resource Group: Jess reminds the board the contract with RRG expires at the end of FY 2024. Chris advises there needs to be a discussion regarding department needs and goals. The board would like Kathe to be part of this discussion; see below in Any other business to come before the board.
- Tax Rate Setting Schedule: Chris advises the tentative date for the Classification Hearing is December 6, 2023 provided that the town receives approval on property values from the Department of Revenue.
- District Salaries, FY 2024: Chris presents the board with the commitments he drafted to collect the district salaries. The board signs them based on his recommendations.
- Motor Vehicle Abatement Applications: Processed at the end of the meeting.
- Chapter 61 applications, FY 2025: Chris requests that the board hold a special meeting to review the Chapter 61 applications. The board agrees and decides to set the date after everyone checks their schedules.
- Proposed Budget – FY 2025: The board inadvertently overlooks this item.

Assessor Update: Chris advises that abatements and exemptions need to be flagged so that they can be properly identified on the monthly reports.

Public Input: None.

Any other business to come before the board:

- Jess asks Chris for an update regarding the request from the Town Administrator for all PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) agreements. Chris advises he will be seeing Harald Scheid tonight and will be sure she gets them following the consultation.
- Kathe joins the meeting. She asks if the income level could be raised as well as if family members or representatives could work in place of property owners who are unable to participate in the 5K program due to health reasons. She points out that town board/committee members cannot be paid a stipend and also have that time be put towards the 5K program. She clarifies she would like the hours broken down into how many residents would be able to participate. Chris advises he will take a look at the overlay and see what is available.
- Kathe agrees there needs to be a formal conversation regarding the RRG contract. Following a brief discussion, the board agrees the additional meeting, date to be determined, will include FY 2025 Chapter 61 applications, 5K program and the RRG contract.

Adjournment: Jess makes a motion to adjourn. Bev seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 2:07 pm.