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Board of Assessors
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MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2024

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

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Assessor Present: Chris Cozzaglio, *until 2:11 pm*

Public Present: None

Call to order: The meeting is called to order at 12:10 pm.

Review minutes of meetings held December 11 and 27, 2023: Chris advises he will not be able to stay for the entire meeting. Jess suggests to suspend the review of the minutes and motor vehicle applications until after Chris excuses himself from the meeting. The board agrees. Following their review of the minutes for the December 2023 meetings, Bev makes a motion to approve the minutes of December 11 & 27, 2023. Jess seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Correspondence:

- King Information Systems, Inc. – Filing Assessment, January 29-30, 2024: Jess points out that due to the weather, a representative will be arriving February 6, 2024 to begin the assessment of the filing needs within Town Hall.
- Bureau of Local Assessment – FY 2024 Local Assessment Survey: Tabled to the next meeting.
- CAI Technologies – Tax Map Maintenance Contract Proposal, FY 2025: Tabled to the next meeting.
- Alvin Blake: Senior Work-Off Program Job Opportunities, as outlined in Monterey MA: Tabled to the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Proposed Budget – FY 2025: Chris reports he has not received the proposed contract for RRG Services. He expects to get the data from Harald Scheid in the next couple of weeks but will submit the rest of the draft to Kathe Warden, Town Administrator. There is a brief discussion regarding hourly increases for Bev and Jess.
- Chapter 61 applications, FY 2025: Chris advises these applications will be ready for approval at the next meeting.
 - Board to confirm how lots within Chapter 61 are identified: The board has a brief discussion regarding the identifiers for lots currently in the various Chapter 61 programs. Chris points out that some properties, that are considered to be a single lot, have two (2) parcel identification numbers (parcel id). One parcel id represents the portion of the lot where the dwelling is located; the other contains a letter which notes the particular section of Chapter 61 the lot is enrolled. Chris clarifies that this may misrepresent the parcel count within Becket. He will be making the necessary corrections.



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- Exemption applications, FY 2025: Jess points out this item on the agenda should be for applications regarding FY 2024. Chris advises full-time residents who qualify for 41C will receive an exemption of \$750 instead of \$500 as previously awarded.
- Lot Combinations/Splits: See Assessor Update.

New Business:

- Motor Vehicle Abatement Applications: Processed after Chris excuses himself from the meeting.

Assessor Update: Chris lets the board know he is still waiting for some additional documentation for some of the exemption applications but expects to have most of them ready for review at the next meeting. He will also have the abatement applications ready for processing. He notes there are only about 30 applications this year with a handful of those being administrative. This is less than half as many of the applications submitted last year. He reminds Jess an Executive Session will be needed for the next meeting.

Jess asks Chris about a Chapter 61 application that will be taking out 2 acres for the purpose of lot improvement. Following a brief discussion, Chris lets the board know that a second recording fee will be required as a second lien will need to be recorded to lien the remaining acres still in Chapter 61.

Following a brief discussion, the board agrees to meet on March 4, 2024 at 12:00 m. Another meeting may be scheduled beforehand if needed. Chris excuses himself following his update.

Public Input: None.

Any other business to come before the board:

- Jess advises a real estate agent has had 35 Arrowhead Lane resurveyed to confirm the house that is assessed as being on that lot is actually within the boundaries of Assessors' lot 35; subdivision lots 3 & 4. Chris asks Jess to find out if the survey was recorded and to relay corrections will be made if needed. Chris excuses himself from the meeting at 2:11 pm.
- The board has another brief discussion regarding the proposed hourly increases for Bev and Jess.

Adjournment: Bev makes a motion to adjourn. Jess seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 2:53 pm.