



Town of Becket
Board of Assessors
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MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2024

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

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Assessor Present: Chris Cozzaglio, *until 2:15 pm*

Town Administrator Present: Kathe Warden, *from 12:26 pm until 1:04 pm*

Public Present: Nicole Lynn Miller

Call to order: The meeting is called to order at 12:04 pm.

Review minutes for meeting held February 5, 2024: During their review of the minutes of February 5, 2024, the board makes some grammatical changes along with removing some redundant phrasing. Jess makes a motion to approve the February 5, 2024 minutes with the noted changes. Bev seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Correspondence:

- CAI Technologies – Tax Map Maintenance Contract Proposal, FY 2025: The board agrees to recommend approval of the contract for FY 2025. Jess agrees to forward the original email to Kathe Warden with the board's recommendation.
- Alvin Blake: Senior Work-Off Program Job Opportunities, as outlined in Monterey MA: The board reviews the information provided on the Town of Monterey's website regarding their senior work program. They agree to suggest removing the income requirement that is currently in place.

Old Business:

- Proposed Budget – FY 2025: The board asks Kathe Warden, Town Administrator, to join the meeting. She presents the board with an email from Regional Resource Group that outlines an extension for FY 2025. RRG would provide the same services but would be in office for another day during the week. Chris advises he will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays. The board agrees they will discuss it later in the meeting.
- Chapter 61 applications, FY 2025: Jess asks Chris about a couple lots on Quarry Road owned by Chandeysson. She advises the property owner could not verify that the assessment and amount taxed reflect that the lots are in Chapter 61. There is a brief discussion. Chris advises he will look into the lots and will confirm the status by end of day tomorrow.
 - Board to confirm how lots within Chapter 61 are identified: Chris says he needs to find out how the lots in Chapter 61 that appear to have two lots were billed. He says if it was for split billing purposes, new software may be needed. He will consult the Tax Collector's Office about the software.

New Business:

- MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a) 6 – to review Exemption and Abatement Applications: Jess makes a motion to enter into Executive Session as discussions in Open Session may be detrimental to the town. Bev seconds the motion. Roll-call vote: Geri: aye, Jess: aye, Bev: aye. All in favor.



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Motion passes. The board enters into Executive Session at 1:51 pm. Bev makes a motion to return to Open Session. Geri seconds the motion. Roll-call vote: Geri: aye, Jess: aye, Bev: aye. All in favor. Motion passes. The board returns to Open Session at 2:02 pm.

- Contract with Regional Resource Group, FY 2025: Bev makes a motion to accept the extension of Regional Resource Group's contract for one (1) year at a cost of \$62,700. Jess seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Motor Vehicle Abatement Applications: Processed after Chris excuses himself from the meeting.

Assessor Update: Chris lets the board know he needs to do some inspections for the abatement applications. He suggests holding a meeting to review the abatement and remaining Exemption Applications. The board agrees to meet on March 25, 2024 at noon.

Chris advises he is working on lot combinations and splits that occurred before he started working with Becket.

The board has a brief discussion about setting up bulletin boards outside of the Assessors' Office to display property sales and general assessment information.

Chris excuses himself at 2:15 pm following his update.

Public Input: Nicole Miller discusses motor vehicle excise tax bills with the board.

Any other business to come before the board: None.

Adjournment: Jess makes a motion to adjourn. Bev seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 3:21 pm.