



MINUTES

Board of Assessors
Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2020

Attending: Peter Lammert, Ron Gamage, members; Dave Martucci, Assessors' Agent. Joan Linscott was unable to attend due to personal reasons.

Meeting called to order at 11:37 am, by Chair pro tempore Lammert.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

The election of Chair was tabled to the next meeting.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the 12/19/2019 meeting were presented.

On motion by Lammert, second by Gamage, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 12/19/2019 as presented.

ABATEMENTS

Creek Hill Auto Repair, Personal Property Account C0081P, \$228.60, recommended by the Agent. Per the Select Board Agreement of 11/4/2019, this was paid in full on schedule. This is the last balance to abate.

On motion by Lammert, second by Gamage, it was voted unanimously to grant the abatement to Creek Hill Auto Repair, PP Account C0081P, in the amount of \$228.60.

Broadwater Title LLC, PP Account B0065P, \$177.39, recommended by the Agent. New business that failed to file the PP Declaration before commitment and taxed on estimate. Filed PPD after commitment. Amount of abatement requested is difference between amount taxed and tax value indicated on PPD.

On motion by Gamage, second by Lammert, it was voted unanimously to grant abatement to Broadwater Title, LLC, PP Account B0065P, in the amount of \$177.39.

Overlay of \$37,573.55 less current abatement of \$405.99 leaves a balance of \$37,167.56.

SUPPLEMENTALS

None presented.

OLD BUSINESS

The Walmart Real Estate Business Trust 2017-18 and 2018-19 appeals to the State Board of Property Tax Review: The Town's Attorney, Mr. Gibbons, has prepared a Memorandum of Law on our behalf and a Proposed Order for the State Board to consider. In addition, he has submitted these and the following documents to the State Board: IAAO Big Box Store Assessments; Traub Appraisal for 4/1/2017; Traub Appraisal for 4/1/2018; and the Cornell Review of the Wal-Mart Appraisal. We still do not yet have a date and due to the Corona Virus, it could be several months off.

On 4/13/2020 the deadline for abatement will occur and we can expect a third Wal-Mart abatement request.

NEW BUSINESS

The Agent presented drafts of the Board's and the Agent's Annual Report for the Annual Town Report. They have been reduced in length so as to help reduce printing costs and additional information usually included will be posted on the Town web site.

BUDGET

The Annual Budget submission was presented by the Agent. It has an increase of 4% plus a separate request for a new printer/scanner for maps and plans and asking for a helper to consolidate CEO and Assessing files. Also requesting a carry over of the unspent book binding budget.

The current budget shows we have spent 77% of our regular budget (83% of total budget) in 67% of the year. Legal expenses and commercial assessments (Traub) are responsible for much of the increases. .

AGENT REPORT

The Agent reported he has the tax maps basically done for 4/1/2020 .

Cards are being updated.

Inspections may be delayed by the Corona Virus.

Two refurbished computers are being installed, one in the new outer office and one in the office of the Meeting Room across the hall. The latter will be for public use and restricted in network connection but will have an internet connection. It's primary function will be for looking up assessment records.

The new web site is in progress. It will have more assessing materials.

NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Martucci, CMA, Assessor's Agent