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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2022**

William Garreffi, Chairman called the Session to order at 4:45 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room. In attendance was William Garreffi - Chairman; Melvin Pauze - Board Member; R. Lane Partridge - Director and Lisa Henderson - Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Garreffi-present; Pauze-present

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**DIRECTOR UPDATE:** We are continuing with abatements and it is going well. We are also in the process of filling our Administrative grade 8 position. We still have approximately eight weeks before our injured field inspector can come back to work and in the mean time we have hired two temporary field inspectors to help us get caught up through the end of the fiscal year. Motor vehicle commitment #2 has just come in and has yet to be processed. Other staff has been collaborating and helping out during our staffing shortage including working on getting our Income & Expense mailing out which is a big undertaking.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Director Partridge explained and discussed the Verizon Agreement to the Board. Since Verizon is viewed somewhat as a monopoly and control all the land lines and was given a valuation by the Department of Revenue. Approximately 18 years ago the Department of Revenue changed the way they were valued which unsettled Verizon. This change prompted Verizon to file abatements across the State in almost every community. With so many communities across the State have a back log of several years of abatements, the Assessors Association stepped in and forced the issue by filing abatements of our own against the Department of Revenue on this matter with the Appellate Tax Board. This pushed everyone to the table to negotiate an agreement on how Verizon is valued. That agreement has come due again which is on methodology, modern value and what the depreciation would be.

The Board discussed accepting the Verizon Agreement as presented by Director Partridge. There was a motion and a second to accept the Verizon Agreement as presented by Director Partridge. Vote was by MAJORITY to APPROVE the Verizon Agreement as presented by Director Partridge.

Garreffi-yes; Pauze-yes

The Board discussed accepting the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting. There was a motion and a second to accept the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting. Vote was by MAJORITY to APPROVE the minutes.

Garreffi-yes; Pauze-yes

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was a motion and a second to convene Executive Session for the following reasons:

To review and approve minutes of the Executive Session held February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 which were entered into under G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(7), to comply with G.L. c. 59 §60 and to review and discuss Monthly Abatement reports, Motor Vehicle Commitment(s) and Warrants, Statutory Exemptions, Residential Exemptions, Charitable Exemption application(s) and abatement applications.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21 (a)(3), the Board of Assessors may vote to go into Executive Session to review and discuss pending litigation strategy for cases at the Appellate Tax Board.

The Board MAY reconvene in Open Session following the completion of the Executive Session.

Roll call vote to enter Executive Session at 4:55 PM.

Vote was unanimous to enter Executive Session.

Garreffi-yes; Pauze-yes

The Board exited executive session at 5:35 PM.

The next Board of Assessors Meeting is scheduled for: **Tuesday March 29, 2022 4:45 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

*Minutes prepared by Lisa Henderson under the supervision of Andy Machado, Secretary.*

  
Andy Machado, Secretary

PERSONS INTERESTED ARE ADVISED THAT IN THE EVENT THAT ANY MATTER TAKEN UP AT THE MEETING THAT REMAINS UNFINISHED AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, IT MAY BE PUT OFF TO A CONTINUED SESSION OF THIS MEETING WITH PROPER POSTING.

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