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MINUTES OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MEETING JUNE 12, 2024

William Garreffi, Chairman called the Session to order at 4:45 p.m.in the Planning & Development Conference Room. In attendance was William Garreffi - Chairman; Andy Machado - Secretary; Mel Pauze – Board Member; Pamela Taylor – Assistant Director; and Lisa Henderson – Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Garreffi-present; Machado-present; Pauze-present

PUBLIC COMMENT: Representing some Long Beach Road property owners, Attorney Anthony Panebianco appeared before the Board for reconsideration of their denied fiscal 2024 real estate abatements. Attorney Panebianco explained why he believes the properties are over assessed and expressed the amount his clients would be willing to accept.

On behalf of the Barnstable Land Trust, Attorney Mark Boudreau appeared before the Board about erroneous information contained in a letter to the Town regarding the purchase of two parcels that effectuated the issue of rollback taxes. After presenting his explanation, Attorney Boudreau then asked the Board to modify their decision of the rollback taxes issued to the two parcels.

The Chair thanked both Attorneys for attending, and that the Board will discuss the matters in the executive session, after which they would be notified of the Boards decision.

DIRECTOR UPDATE: The search for a candidate for the Director of Assessing is progressing. The Town hopes to have the position filled by the end of July.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed accepting the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District request to release \$250,000 in excess overlay funds of levy years 2007-2024.

There was a motion and a second to accept the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire District's request to release \$250,000 in excess overlay funds of levy years 2007-2024 as presented. Vote was by **UNANIMOUS** to **APPROVE** the excess overlay release request as presented.

Garreffi-yes; Machado-yes; Pauze-yes

The Board discussed accepting the minutes of the May21, 2024 meeting. There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024 meeting. Vote was **UNANIMOUS** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the May 21, 2024 meeting.

Garreffi-yes; Machado-yes; Pauze-yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(7), to comply with G.L. c. 59 §60 the Board of Assessors may vote to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to review and approve the minutes of the executive session held on May 21, 2024, and to review and approve Monthly Reports, Commitment(s) and Warrant(s), Statutory Exemptions, Residential Exemption applications, Chapter Land and any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

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 at the Appellate Tax Board.

If so voted, the Board will reconvene in Open Session.

Roll call vote to enter Executive Session at 5:20 PM. Vote was **UNANIMOUS** to enter Executive Session.

Garreffi-yes; Machado-yes; Pauze-yes

The Board exited executive session at 5:55 PM.

The next Board of Assessors Meeting is scheduled for: <u>Wednesday August 7, 2024</u> at 4:45 pm in the Planning & Development Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

Minutes prepared by Lisa Henderson under the supervision of Andy Machado - Secretary

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