

Town Of Sandwich

THE OLDEST TOWN ON CAPE COD

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January 22, 2019

SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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The Board of Assessors meeting is called to order at 4:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert James, Vice-Chair, Nick Fernandes, Member, Ed Childs, Director of Assessing and Laura Watts, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Larry Harrington, Chair

Mr. James motions to approve the minutes from 11/13/18 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. The vote is unanimous.

The minutes from 11/20/18 cannot be approved as Mr. Fernandes was absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM: NONE

REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCES/NEWSLETTERS: NONE

DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING REPORT:

Mr. Childs tells the Board that it has been a fairly light abatement season thus far. A total of 24 abatements have been stamped into the office, 20 real estate and 4 personal property. He goes on to explain that there has been a lot of untruthful information on social media since the 2019 actual bills went out. He spoke with Dave Sampson regarding the information that is available online. He says the bills went up because of the new public safety building and the fact there was no excess levy capacity. Canal 3 will pay an additional \$2 million in FY20 and it will be up to the Town to decide how to spend this money. If it is used as excess levy, real estate tax bills should remain neutral. Mr. Child's also spoke briefly about the Town's interest in the Santander Bank building on Route 6A. The building would be able to accommodate all town departments. An additional meeting room space would be added. The biggest challenge will be the access and egress into the parking lot from Tupper Road. Mr. Childs attended the MMA (Mass Municipal Association) trade show last week in Boston. Mr. Fernandes just received his MMA designee. Lastly, Mr. Childs tells the Board this is a classification year and he should be hearing from the Department of Revenue soon. PILOT letters will be mailed by the end of January.

REVIEW & SIGN ANY SIGNATURE ITEMS:

- 2018 Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment #7- \$24,151.37
- 2019 Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment #1 - \$2,602,085.00
- 2018 Motor Vehicle Recommit - \$408.33
- Month End Reports – December 2018

REVIEW ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS:



Mr. Fernandes motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:58 p.m. under M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions. Mr. James seconds. Mr. Fernandes and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board reconvenes in Open Session at 5:09 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Fernandes motions to adjourn. Mr. James seconds. The vote is unanimous.

The meeting adjourns at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary
Cc: Town Clerk

Supporting Documents:

1. Sandwich FY2019 Abatement File, dated January 22, 2019 (1 page)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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PRESENT: Robert James, Vice Chair, Nick Fernandes, Member, Ed Childs, Director of Assessing and Laura Watts, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Larry Harrington, Vice-Chair

The following exemptions were reviewed and recommended for approval as they meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'19 real estate tax bills. (See Exemption Log dated 1/22/2019 Bill #4324-#10501)

Mr. Fernandes motions to approve the exemptions. Mr. James seconds. Mr. Fernandes and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The following exemptions were reviewed and recommended for approval as they meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'19 real estate tax bills. (See Exemption Log dated 1/22/2019 Bill #6517-#10565)

Mr. Fernandes motions to approve the exemptions. Mr. James seconds. Mr. Fernandes and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Fernandes motions to return to open session at 5:09 p.m. to discuss New Business. Mr. James seconds. Mr. Fernandes and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary
Cc: Town Clerk

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