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SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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The Board of Assessors meeting is called to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Harrington motions to approve the minutes from January 16, 2018 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. James abstains. The motion passes 2-0-1.

PUBLIC FORUM: NONE

REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCES/NEWSLETTERS: NONE

DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING REPORT: Mr. Childs thanks the Board for accommodating an additional meeting on January 16, 2018 as there were many exemptions that needed to be approved. He adds that, to date, the office has received a total of thirty-three abatements (sixteen real estate and seventeen personal property). He has been speaking with Jeanne Varney, Office Manager, about revamping the system of checking personal property accounts. He feels there is a better system and has suggested sending out postcards to second homeowners requesting a Form of List by March 1st of each year. Mr. Childs discusses the storm on January 4th that lead to additional beach erosion specifically on Bay Beach Lane. This street had an erosion factor in place for the last several years and Mr. Childs removed it for 2018 because sales were coming in significantly higher. Most owners on this street have filed for real estate abatements. Mr. Childs quickly touches on the new Public Safety Complex which will be factored into real estate tax bills beginning in FY'19. The Town is in the process of preparing a \$6 million bond. Mr. Childs adds that he has been meeting with Town staff regularly to discuss the FY'19 budget. The Board has a brief discussion on the NRG Unit 3 power plant which has an anticipated completion date during the third quarter of FY'19.

REVIEW & SIGN ANY SIGNATURE ITEMS:

- Personal Property Month end reports for December 2017
- Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment #7 for 2017: \$19,080.95
- Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment #1 for 2018: \$2,535,811.25

REVIEW ANY ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS:

Mr. James motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:53 p.m. under M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Harrington, Mr. Fernandes and Mr. James so move. The vote is unanimous.

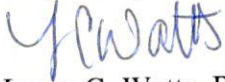
The Board reconvenes in Open Session at 4:59 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. James informs the Board he will be away for the March 6th meeting.

The meeting adjourns at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk