

# Town Of Sandwich

THE OLDEST TOWN ON CAPE COD

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT



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March 27, 2018

## SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors meeting is called to order at 4:37 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 open session and executive session minutes from March 20, 2018 as written. Mr. James seconds. The vote is unanimous.

**PUBLIC FORUM: NONE**

**REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCES/NEWSLETTERS: NONE**

**DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING REPORT:**

Mr. Childs updates the Board on abatements. There are twenty-two appeals left and he expects to have them completed and ready for Board signatures at the next meeting on April 10th. He talks briefly about the 3 ABC filings and feels that instead of letting the ninety day period lapse, he would like the Board to sign each one. In regards to the second excise commitment, he feels the bill went out too quickly. They were issued on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the first commitment bills were due March 26<sup>th</sup>. He is going to speak with the Tax Collector about the time frame between commitments. Mr. Childs informs the Board that he would like them to vote to approve his attendance at the New England Assessors Association Conference from April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Quincy, MA.

Mr. James motions to approve his attendance at the conference. Mr. Harrington seconds. The vote is unanimous.

Lastly, Mr. Childs says to the Board that he will be discussing the FY'19 property tax bills at the next meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**REVIEW & SIGN ANY SIGNATURE ITEMS: NONE**

**REVIEW ANY ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS:**

Mr. Harrington motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m. under M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions. Mr. James seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion. The vote is unanimous by roll call vote.

The Board reconvenes in Open Session at 5:10 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

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The meeting adjourns at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura C. Watts".

Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary  
Cc: Town Clerk

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Mr. Harrington motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m. under M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions. Mr. James seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion. The vote is unanimous by roll call vote.

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

Mr. Childs addresses the Board and informs them that on March 23, 2018 a press release was distributed to Mr. Bud Dunham about the sale of the NRG power plant. The plant has sold to Stonepeak Kestrel Holdings LLC, an infrastructure equity partnership. This will be their first venture in Massachusetts and the sale will close in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this year. As it stands, construction of Unit 3 will continue as planned.

The following exemption was reviewed and recommended for denial as it did not meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'18 real estate tax bills. (See Log #1 dated 3/27/2018 Bill #8002)

Mr. James motions to deny exemption Log #1. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion. The vote is unanimous by roll call vote.

The following personal property abatement was reviewed and recommended for denial as it did not meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'18 real estate tax bills. (See Log #2 dated 3/27/2018 Bill #10040)

Mr. James motions to deny abatement Log #2. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion. The vote is unanimous by roll call vote.

The following real estate and personal property abatements were reviewed and recommended for approval as they meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'18 real estate tax bills. (See Log #3 dated 3/27/2018 Bill #3101-100594 nonconsecutive)

Mr. James motions to approve abatement Log #3. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion. The vote is unanimous 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'18 real estate tax bills. (See Log #4 dated 3/27/2018 Bill #1485-10487 nonconsecutive)

Mr. James motions to approve exemption Log #4. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion. The vote is unanimous by roll call vote.

Mr. Harrington motions to return to open session at 5:10 p.m. to discuss New Business. Mr. James seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion. The vote is unanimous by roll call vote.



Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Watts".

Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk

Supporting Documents:

1. Email from Mr. Bud Dunham to Mr. Ed Childs, "What's a Good Time to Catch Up?", dated March 23, 2018 (4 pages)