

# Town Of Sandwich

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April 21, 2020

## EXECUTIVE SESSION SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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Mr. Harrington motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:32 p.m. to comply with M.G.L. Ch. 30A § 21(a)(7) and M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions and to comply with M.G.L. Ch. 30A § 22(f) for the review, potential approval and potential release of Executive Session meeting minutes from 3/10/2020 & 4/7/2020. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

**PRESENT via Conference Call:** Robert James, Chair; Nick Fernandes, Vice-Chair; Larry Harrington, Member and Ed Childs, Director of Assessing

Mr. Harrington motions to approve and release the Executive Session minutes from 3/10/2020 & 4/7/2020 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington 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'20 real estate tax bills. (See Exemption Log dated 4/21/2020 Bill #1647-7903). Mr. Childs explains more about the Clause 22D Veteran's Exemption which abates the taxes in full. This clause requires a causal link which means the veteran died from service related injuries. The applicants were able to provide all documentation supporting the causal link. The State reimburses Clause 22D in full.

Mr. Harrington motions to approve the exemptions. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously 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'20 real estate and personal property tax bills. (See Abatement Log dated 4/21/2020 Bill #4072-#100865)

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

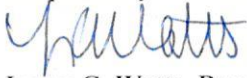
The following real estate abatements were reviewed and recommended for denial because they did not meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'20 real estate tax bills. (See Abatement Denial Log dated 4/21/2020 Bill #325-6805)

Mr. Harrington motions to deny the abatements. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Harrington motions to return to open session at 4:44 p.m. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Harrington, Mr. James and Mr. Fernandes approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.



Respectfully Submitted,



Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk

Supporting Documents:

1. Sandwich Assessing Exemption Log, Bill #1647-7903, dated April 21, 2020 (1 page)
2. Sandwich Assessing Abatement Log, Bill #4072-100865, dated April 21, 2020 (1 page)
3. Sandwich Assessing Abatement Denial Log, Bill #325-6805, dated April 21, 2020 (1 page)

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

**PRESENT via Conference Call:** Robert James, Chair; Nick Fernandes, Vice Chair; Larry Harrington, Member and Ed Childs, Director of Assessing

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Harrington motions to approve the minutes from the meeting held on 4/7/2020 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. The vote is unanimous.

### **REVIEW ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS:**

Mr. Harrington motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:32 p.m. to comply with M.G.L. Ch. 30A § 21(a)(7) and M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions and to comply with M.G.L. Ch. 30A § 22(f) for the review, potential approval and potential release of Executive Session meeting minutes from 3/10/2020 & 4/7/2020. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board reconvenes in Open Session at 4:44 p.m.

### **OTHER MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED:**

Mr. Childs tells the Board that he has yet to hear from approximately 24 applicants who have filed for abatements. He has contacted each of them requesting an extension of time to act due to Covid-19. He would like to try and get in touch with these applicants this week and then have another Board meeting next week to grant the extensions. If he is unable to reach an applicant their abatement filing will be denied. The Board agrees to schedule a meeting for Tuesday 4/28/2020 at 4:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourns at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary  
Cc: Town Clerk

