

# Town Of Sandwich

THE OLDEST TOWN ON CAPE COD

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT



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## SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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The Board of Assessors meeting is called to order at 4:32 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Nicholas Fernandes, Member, Robert James, Vice-Chair, Lawrence Harrington, Chair, Edward L. Childs, Director of Assessing and Jeanne M. Varney, Office Manager

Mr. James motions to approve the open session and executive session minutes from June 5, 2018 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. The motion passes. 3-0

**PUBLIC FORUM: NONE.**

**REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCES/NEWSLETTERS: NONE.**

### **DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING REPORT:**

Mr. Childs informs the Board that the preliminary tax bills had some issues with regards to addresses, life estates. The office staff has cleaned up these issues. The PK computer system is very helpful with tracking data, such as owners' files. Mr. Childs is working with Maribeth Chassey from the Engineering department on GIS projects. Ms. Chassey is a huge help with these projects. The current project they are working on is to identify common areas and assign parcel numbers in order to be compliant with the DOR. The other issue is with properties along North Shore Boulevard, regarding house numbers. There is an ongoing problem with home owners changing their house numbers and we will be contacting them to have them come into Engineering to update and correct the house numbers. This is very important in being 911 compliant. This will need to be done by December 2018. Ed and Maribeth are also working on the "Community Rating System"; this involves flood plains, overlay districts. The staff has been working on this project as well. The value updates are ongoing and will be completed by the end of October. The PILOT program letters will be going out by December of 2018. The letterhead, who will sign these letters, etc., will be decided on the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mr. Childs will be presenting this to Mr. Bud Dunham. They will decide whether the Selectmen will be involved with us or without us regarding these letters. UMASS MAEO classes were a great success. Ben Styche, Assistant Assessor, took Course 5. Mr. Childs received very good reviews regarding Mr. Styche by other Assessors during this week of classes. Mr. Childs and Mrs. Varney have ongoing discussions about the "help desk" he created for the staff, what to add, website updates in the fall, etc. CRED contacted Mr. Childs regarding values on cell towers in Sandwich. There is a potential of



obtaining additional revenues. Mr. Childs will be contacting the DOR on valuing cell towers and he would like to see other towns get involved.

**REVIEW & SIGN ANY SIGNATURE ITEMS:** Month end reports for July. Motor vehicle commitment 2018-4 in the amount of \$166,156.96, to the Treasurer Cape Cod Commission \$3,517,830.00, Barnstable County Commissioner \$3,281,140.00.

**REVIEW ANY ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS:**

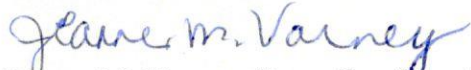
Mr. James motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:52 p.m. under M.G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. James, Mrs. Fernandes, and Mr. Harrington approve the motion. The vote is unanimous by roll call vote.

The Board reconvenes in Open Session at 5:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne M. Varney, Recording Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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Mr. Childs presents to the Board excise tax abatements from Toyota Leasing, these are all duplicate filings. We will notify Toyota Leasing and send the abatements back to them. Boat excise tax abatements for 2016 & 2017. The boat owner is stating that the boat was not working therefore that is his reason for filing for an abatement. This is not a sufficient reason to receive abatement. Mr. James motions to deny the abatement on Boat Excise Tax bill #337 for the years 2016 & 2017. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. James, Mr. Fernandes and Mr. Harrington approve the motion. The vote is unanimous by roll call vote.

Mr. James motions to return out of Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss New Business. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. James, Mr. Fernandes and Mr. Harrington approve the motion. The vote is unanimous by roll call vote.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jeanne M. Varney, Recording Secretary  
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