

# Town Of Sandwich

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## SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Robert James (RJ) Chairperson, Nicholas Fernandes (NF) Member, Edward L. Childs, Director of Assessing, Jeanne Varney (JV) Recording Secretary.

The board could not review and approve the minutes of January 10, 2017 for regular meeting and executive session.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** NONE.

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

**DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING REPORT:** EC reported to the board that the DOR has approved our conversion therefore; we can now work on new values and the new tax rate. EC is going to have IT install an inquiry screen for the Tax Collectors' office and for our counter terminal with the PK system. Classification will be on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Selectmen's meeting. Next week EC will reach out to the districts to set up the classifications. The residential values will be increasing 3.5%, with the commercial and personal property being a little less. The tax rate will be higher than the current rate of \$14.47. All interest will be collected on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter bills. Starting in November until now, the Assessing department has been working to get everything completed in order to issue an actual 4<sup>th</sup> quarter tax bill. EC presented to the board information regarding the PILOT program, as requested by the board. EC went over the different types of PILOT programs, (see attached). PILOT programs effects only the exempt properties. The exempt properties represent almost 9% of the entire town value. There are 3 PILOTS currently being paid to the town. There are a couple of exempt properties that are making voluntary payments. If we were to use Boston's tax rate regarding the PILOT program, we could collect \$407,930.00. If we use RHCI's example, we could collect \$91,530.00. The YMCA does not seem to pay towards any town. RJ volunteered to check with the Fire Chief to check stats as to how many calls/services are being used by the exempt properties. Then we could ask these properties to make payments. EC said we could develop a concept and send out a letter, signed by the board, asking to have a conversation with the exempt properties. We could get creative; by having them pay for maintenance of equipment or set up a bartering system. Once we receive a response then we could set up a meeting within a board meeting. A letter of receipt will be going out to the 3ABC properties, a letter can be attached to this receipt regarding the PILOT. Both RJ and NF agreed that some kind of effort should be made. EC will draw up a letter and have the board review it sometime in the next week.

**REVIEW & SIGN ANY SIGNATURE ITEMS:** Month end reports for January.



Warrants: Motor Vehicle 2016-7 \$15,910.70; 2017-1 \$2,533,713.75.

**Real Estate for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter preliminary:**

NSAG PP \$95.25

SWD PP \$35,971.07

TOWN PP \$733,851.75

NSAG RE \$18,288.56

SWD RE \$453,938.59

TOWN CPA \$392,980.38

TOWN RE \$13,090,094.63


**REVIEW ANY ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS:** Motion into executive session at 5:16 p.m. and return to regular meeting for new business by NF Second: RJ Vote 2-0.

Motion to return out of executive session at 5:25 p.m. to regular meeting to discuss new business by NF Second: RJ Vote 2-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE.

Motion to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. by NF Second: RJ Vote 2-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
Jeanne Varney, Recording Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk