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March 8, 2022

SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Larry Harrington, Chair, Robert James, Vice-Chair, Nick Fernandes, Member and Ben Styche, Director of Assessing

ABSENT: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. James motions to approve the minutes from the meeting held 2/22/2022 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. The motion is unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM: NONE

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Mr. Styche doesn't have many updates. The department is continuing to work through all the real estate abatement filings. There are not too many more left. The new hire resigned last week. She only lasted 2 ½ weeks. Unfortunately, it did not work out. The office is back to a staff of 4 for the time being. Motor vehicle excise abatements has kept the office very busy.

SIGN SIGNATURE ITEMS:

- Month End Reports – February 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. James motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:34 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 2/22/2022. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board reconvenes in Open Session 5:56 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Fernandes says he may not be available for the first meeting in April. Mr. James will be back in town at the end of March. The board will resume in person meetings in April.

OTHER MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:



Mr. James motions to adjourn. Mr. Fernandes seconds. The motion is approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourns at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Watts".

Laura C. Watts, Assistant Assessor
Cc: Town Clerk

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ABSENT: NONE

Mr. James motions to approve and release the Executive Session meeting minutes from the meeting held 2/22/2022 as written. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. James motions for the Board to discuss the real estate abatement application for 102 Country Club Road, Bill #8206. Mr. Fernandes seconds. The motion is unanimous.

Mr. Paul Harrison (102 Country Club Road) – Mr. Harrison is in attendance once again to discuss the real estate abatement application he had filed on his property at 102 Country Club Road. Mr. Styche explains how the department arrived at Mr. Harrison's abated value. He believes the new value is in line with the neighboring properties taking into account the finished basement square footage, the kitchenette in the basement and the acre and a half lot size. Mr. Styche feels this value is acceptable and defensible. The Board is in agreement with Mr. Styche.

The following real estate abatement was reviewed and recommended for approval as it did meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'22 real estate tax bills. (See log dated 3/8/2022 Bill #8206)

Mr. James motions to approve the abatement as submitted. 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'22 real estate tax bills. (See Abatement Log dated 3/8/2022 Bill #4082-818, excluding Bill #8206)

Mr. James 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'22 real estate tax bills. (See Abatement Denial Log dated 3/8/2022 Bill #8200-10170)



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

Mr. James motions to return to open session at 5:56 p.m. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Watts", is written over the typed name.

Laura C. Watts, Assistant Assessor

Cc: Town Clerk

Supporting Documents:

1. Abatement Approval Log, dated March 8, 2022, Bill #4082-818 (1 page)
2. Abatement Denial Log, dated March 8, 2022, Bill #8200-10170 (1 page)