

# Town Of Sandwich

THE OLDEST TOWN ON CAPE COD

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT



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May 3, 2022

## SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

**PRESENT:** 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 4/19/2022 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. The motion is approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM: NONE**

### **ASSESSING DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

Mr. Styche reports that a new person has been hired for the Administrative position. She will start on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He feels she will bring an enthusiastic energy into the department and will be a very good fit for the office. The appraisal staff has finished reviewing all the abatements for FY'2022. The board will vote on the remaining two in tonight's executive session.

### **SIGN SIGNATURE ITEMS:**

- Month End Reports – April 2022

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. James motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:49 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 4/19/2022. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board reconvenes in Open Session 5:15 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**OTHER MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED: NONE**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourns at 5:15 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 4/19/2022 as written. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The following real estate exemptions were reviewed and recommended for denial as they did not meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'22 real estate tax bills. (See Exemption Denial Log dated 5/3/2022 Bill #6644-7266)

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

The following real estate exemption was reviewed and recommended for approval as it meets all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'22 real estate tax bills. (See Exemption Log dated 5/3/2022 Bill #2346)

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

The following real estate exemptions 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 Exemption Log dated 5/3/2022 Bill #1014-4160)

Mr. James 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 abatements was 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 5/3/2022 Bill #6648-3633)

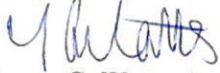
Mr. James motions to approve the abatements. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.



Mr. Fernandes updates the Board on discussions he has had with the property owner at 3 Blueberry Lane. This is in regards to the real estate abatement that was filed and approved at the Board's last meeting on April 19, 2022.

Mr. James motions to return to open session at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura C. Watts, Assistant Assessor

Cc: Town Clerk

Supporting Documents:

1. Exemption Approval Log, dated May 3, 2022, Bill #2346 (1 page)
2. Exemption Approval Log, dated May 3, 2022, Bill #1014-4160 (1 page)
3. Exemption Denial Log, dated May 3, 2022, Bill #6644-7266 (1 page)
4. Abatement Approval Log, dated May 3, 2022, Bill #6648-3633 (1 page)