

Town Of Sandwich

THE OLDEST TOWN ON CAPE COD

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT



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May 17, 2022

SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors meeting is called to order at 4:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Larry Harrington, Chair, Robert James, Vice-Chair, Ben Styche, Director of Assessing and Laura Watts, Assistant Assessor

ABSENT: Nick Fernandes, Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. James motions to approve the minutes from the meeting held 5/3/2022 as written. Mr. Harrington seconds. The motion is approved unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM: NONE

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Mr. Styche tells the Board the new hire started last Monday. Her name is Kerry Ann Smith. She has gotten off to a great start and seems to be catching on quickly. Ms. Varney is very happy. Mr. Styche will have a second meeting this week with the solar group who is developing 180 Cotuit Road. They are finalizing terms on a PILOT agreement. This will be a 4.4 megawatt facility with personal property valued at approximately \$4.2 million dollars. Mr. Styche believes the project will begin this fall. Lastly, he reports to the Board he has an appointment scheduled with Softright to begin work on the FY23 preliminary commitment. This will start on May 31st.

SIGN SIGNATURE ITEMS:

- Recreational Tax Lien Release
 - 36 Holly Ridge Drive
 - 180 Cotuit Road

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. James motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:42 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 5/3/2022. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. James motions to postpone the Board's reorganization to the next meeting on June 7th. Mr. Harrington seconds. The motion is approved unanimously.

Mr. James motions to approve the Board's meeting schedule from July through December 2022. Mr. Harrington seconds. The motion is approved unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourns at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura C. Watts, Assistant Assessor
Cc: Town Clerk

Supporting Documents:

1. Board of Assessors Draft Meeting Schedule July-December 2022, dated May 9, 2022 (1 page)

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Mr. James motions to approve and release the Executive Session meeting minutes from the meeting held 5/3/2022 as written. Mr. Harrington seconds. 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 5/17/2022 Bill #7838-2051)

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

Mr. James motions to return to open session at 4:44 p.m. Mr. Harrington seconds. 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 17, 2022, Bill #7838-2051 (1 page)