OPEN SESSION

The Board of Assessors met on Wednesday, January 02, 2019 at approximately 6:08 PM. Present were Chairman Stephen McCarthy, Member Paula Bunker and Principal Assessor John Donahue. The following members of the public were in attendance: Deborah Cauley and Josie Albertson-Grove.

The Chairman made a motion to open the meeting. Motion seconded by Member Bunker. Voted unanimously (2-0-0). The Chairman announced to all in attendance the meeting was being recorded by cable access television.

The Principal Assessor made the following announcements and requests to the Board:

- Appointment with a taxpayer representative scheduled for 6:10 PM;
- Submission of Minutes of the 11/07/18 Planning Board Meeting for BOA review;
- Receipt of Determination Letter from the Attorney General's Office, dated December 10, 2018, stating the Board did not violate the Open Meeting Law as alleged my Ms. Deborah Cauley in her original complaints of May 21, 2018 and June 18, 2018, respectively;
- Letter of Retirement submitted by the Head Administrative Secretary, effective February 01, 2019. The Principal Assessor is working with the town administrator's office to fill the vacancy.

The Board signed all warrants and bills payable as presented.

The Board reviewed and signed Motor Vehicle Tax Abatement/Exemption Reports/Certificates.

The Board reviewed and signed Applications for Statutory Exemption of Real Estate taxes a Exemption Certificates as presented.

Motion made by Chairman McCarthy to accept and approve the Minutes of the Board's meetings of September 5th, September 19th, October 17th, November 7th and December 5th, respectively. Motion seconded by Member Bunker. Voted unanimously (2-0-0).

A motion was made by Chairman McCarthy and seconded by Member Bunker to enter Executive Session to discuss Applications for Abatement/Exemption, relative to Purpose 7 of the OML and also to review and discuss pending Appellate Tax Board litigation, relative to Purposes 3 and 7 of the OML; and not to reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. A roll call was taken as follows: Chairman McCarthy = affirmative, Member Bunker = affirmative. The Board adjourned its Open Meeting and entered Executive Session at approximately 6:16 PM.

Next meeting: January 16, 2019.

I certify that the minutes of this meeting are true and accurate to the best of my recollection.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen McCarthy, Chairman
Acting Clerk

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