

ASSESSORS



KEVIN E. TAUGHER, Chair
 THOMAS R. REIDY, Clerk
 LYNN MASSON, Member

MELISSA L. COUTURE RIMBOLD, Associate Assessor
 MAUREEN CRONIN, Assistant to Associate Assessor

April 4, 2022

Minutes of meeting of April 4, 2022. Meeting was held virtually. Meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. Present at meeting were Mr. Kevin Taugher, Mr. Thomas Reidy, and Mrs. Melissa Couture Rimbold. Ms. Lynn Masson had technical issues connecting.

Mr. Taugher asked to move to Old Business while waiting for Ms. Masson.

Old Business:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold updated the board regarding the Division of Local Services (DLS) three-year check in process relative to the certification directives that were provided at the end of the fiscal 2020 recertification. Mrs. Couture Rimbold stated she is working up the numbers relative to the data collection project and would apprise the board once the narrative is ready for signature and submission.

Minutes:

Mr. Reidy made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of March 28, 2022, as written. Mr. Taugher seconded the motion. Vote taken by roll call: Reidy, aye; Taugher, aye. Motion passes 2-0.

New Business:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold provided the board with the monthly abatement reports for March. She stated there are eleven (11) reports as follows:

- 2001 motor vehicle excise, 179 transactions totaling \$6,056.46
- 2002 motor vehicle excise, 151 transactions totaling \$7,424.84
- 2003 motor vehicle excise, 103 transactions totaling \$7,006.75
- 2004 motor vehicle excise, 125 transactions totaling \$6,720.89
- 2011 motor vehicle excise, 105 transactions totaling \$8,002.49
- 2020 motor vehicle excise, 2 transactions totaling \$94.54
- 2021 motor vehicle excise, 13 transactions totaling \$655.26
- 2022 real estate, 6 transactions totaling \$2,253.06
- 2022 personal property, 2 transactions totaling \$154.75
- 2022 motor vehicle excise, 95 transactions totaling \$9,623.84
- 2022 boat excise, 8 transactions totaling \$253.98

Mr. Reidy made a motion to approve the monthly abatement reports for March as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Taugher. Vote taken by roll call: Reidy, aye; Taugher, aye; Motion passes 2-0.

Meeting Schedule:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold informed the board that she would be in touch regarding the next meeting.

Other Business:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold indicated that she had two (2) items for other business.

She stated that she received a quarterly maintenance invoice from CAI in the amount of \$587.50 and she didn't know if the board would like to approve this for payment at this time. Mr. Reidy made a motion to approve the invoice as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Taugher. Vote taken by roll call: Reidy, aye; Taugher, aye; Motion passes 2-0.

She then stated that she received an email a short time ago from the Chair of the 504 Utilities Committee of the MAAO notifying her that the Mass. Appeals Court decided on the WMECO v. Springfield appeals case in favor of the Springfield Assessors. She indicated this is good news for Assessors which upholds the fact that net book value does not equate to market value.

Executive Session:

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Mr. Taugher made a motion to go into executive session to comply with the provisions of Chapter 59 Section 60 to discuss and review two (2) applications for abatement (Exception #7). Mr. Taugher stated that the open session of the board would not reconvene after the executive session.

Members voted as follows:

Chair, Kevin Taugher, Aye

Clerk, Thomas Reidy, Aye

Motion passes 2-0.

Members entered executive session and adjourned open session at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Melissa L. Couture Rimbold
Associate Assessor

List of documents reviewed during meeting

Minutes

March monthly reports

Minutes Files (vault)

Report files (vault)