

ASSESSORS



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

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

August 28, 2023

Minutes of meeting of August 28, 2023. Meeting was held virtually. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. Present at meeting were Mr. Kevin Taugher, Ms. Lynn Masson, Mr. Thomas Reidy, and Mrs. Melissa Couture Rimbold.

Minutes:

Ms. Masson made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of July 31, 2023, as written. Mr. Reidy seconded the motion. Vote taken by roll call: Masson, aye; Reidy, aye; Taugher, aye. Motion passes 3-0.

Bills Payable:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold informed the board that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 section 56, Mr. Taugher signed the following bills for payment:

- CAI, \$3,000.00 for annual website hosting.

Ms. Masson made a motion to approve the bills payable as presented. Mr. Reidy seconded the motion. Vote taken by roll call: Masson, aye; Reidy, aye; Taugher, aye. Motion passes 3-0.

Old Business:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold informed the board that she has not crafted an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU's) policy yet as they relate to data collection and classification.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold provided an update on the owner unknown project that she has been working on with counsel since May. She stated she received a call from the Department of Revenue (DOR) regarding an inquiry they received (from counsel) regarding submission. Mrs. Couture Rimbold informed the board that no submission is required per DOR, however all years will need to be processed as a reassessment. Mrs. Couture Rimbold acknowledged she will now need to craft paperwork for each individual year to present to the board for reassessment. As there are many years involved this will take some time.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold stated that she has not heard anything further regarding the exemption analysis that was submitted to the Town Administrator for review nor where the town stands with the Senior Work Off program acceptance.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold stated that staff has not yet been contacted for interviews by the Collins Center for the Classification and Compensation Study.

New Business:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold provided the board with the monthly abatement report for July. She stated there is only one (1) report as follows:

- 2023 motor vehicle excise, 32 transactions totaling \$2,765.36

Ms. Masson froze on screen at 10:40 a.m. and left the meeting.

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

Ms. Masson returned to the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold then informed the board that she was in receipt of an email from the Town Administrator requesting any agenda items (for the Selectboard) or warrant article requests (for Special Town Meeting). Mr. Taugher stated he would like Mrs. Couture Rimbold to request a meeting with the Town Administrator, the Associate Assessor and himself regarding lack of enforcement and the effects this has on growth and the budget. Mrs. Couture Rimbold stated she would.

Associate Assessor report:

Updates

- Taught Course 200: Principles of Assessing Procedures at UMASS 8/7 – 8/11

Trainings, Webinars and Meetings

- none

Projects:

- Working closely with MassGIS to finalize MHC project. We have submitted responses to the few questions MassGIS had remaining and are awaiting their approval of the project. Fingers crossed!
- Working on public records requests, plan reviews. Lot consolidation and ownership issues (trusts, Commonwealth) She stated she has dealt with counsel more in these last few weeks than she ever has! The board asked about the type of public records requests. She stated she currently has her first subpoena regarding documents. Mr. Taugher questioned who the lead with counsel was. Mrs. Couture Rimbold indicated she was as she was the keeper of the record for this request. He elaborated that one would believe, with a subpoena involved, administration would be on top of the request to ensure it is responded to timely as the deadline is approaching. He then requested that Mrs. Couture Rimbold send a follow-up email regarding the status of the response and copy him on it.

Meeting Schedule:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold stated the next meeting should be scheduled for either September 18, 2023, or September 25, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Board members concurred that they would meet next on September 18.

Other Business:

none

Adjournment:

Ms. Masson made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Reidy. Vote taken by roll call: Masson, aye; Reidy, aye; Taugher, aye; Motion passes 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Melissa L. Couture Rimbold
 Associate Assessor

List of documents reviewed during meeting

Minutes

Bills Payable

July monthly report

Minutes Files (vault)

Assistant to Associate Assessor files

Report files (vault)