

## ASSESSORS



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

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

September 18, 2023

Minutes of meeting of September 18, 2023. Meeting was held virtually. The meeting was called to order at 10:31 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 August 28, 2023, as written. Mr. Reidy seconded the motion. Vote taken by roll call: Masson, aye; Reidy, aye; Taugher, aye. Motion passes 3-0.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold provided the board with the monthly abatement reports for August. She stated there are three (3) reports as follows:

- 2021 motor vehicle excise, 2 transactions totaling \$48.91
- 2022 motor vehicle excise, 1 transaction totaling \$26.99
- 2023 motor vehicle excise, 33 transactions totaling \$3,487.15

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

Mrs. Couture Rimbold then informed the board that she was in receipt of a request from the Collector to abate 2015 excise bills as uncollectible as all administrative remedies have been exhausted. She then stated that there are 74 bills, and the total of \$5,670.51 has been adjusted for any previously granted abatements. Ms. Masson made a motion to approve, under M.G.L. Chapter 60A Section 7, abatements for 74 excise bills for calendar year 2015 totaling \$5,670.51 as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Reidy. Vote taken by roll call: Masson, aye; Reidy, aye; Taugher, aye; Motion passes 3-0. Mrs. Couture Rimbold stated she would remind the Collector there are three more years to be approved then processed and we have not yet received those reports.

Associate Assessor report:

Updates

- Discussed the possibility of closing the office on Friday, September 29. The board concurred with closure if needed.

Trainings, Webinars and Meetings

- Met with Fire District #1 Clerk/Treasurer to review reporting to Assessors, the correlating tax recapitulation documents and the classification hearing. – 9/6
- Attended the Appellate Tax Board virtual public hearing on amendments to their rules – 9/12

### Projects

- Still working closely with MassGIS to finalize MHC address project. MassGIS has stated they have a few more questions but have not yet provided them to us.
- ADU policy – no update
- Owner Unknown – no new update
- Exemption analysis – have heard nothing on this analysis or details for possible Senior Work off program.
- Classification and Compensation Study – no information
- Assessor Task List – work in progress
- Room Occupancy Excise Analysis work – request from Town Administrator to provide a revenue estimate. Have reviewed laws, frequently asked questions, data gathering from Municipal Databank. (Still awaiting income data from the state.)
- Hazard mitigation map – have reviewed the map received however am unsure who is the town contact on this project – placed on hold.
- District presentation – have been contacted to provide an outreach session with Know Your Town on Fire Districts.

### Meeting Schedule:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold stated the next meeting should be scheduled for either October 16, 2023, or October 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Board members concurred that they would meet next on October 16.

### Other Business:

Ms. Masson asked if there were any numbers yet as to the increase in values for Fiscal 2024. Mrs. Couture Rimbold responded she did not have hard numbers at this time as she is working to complete the data entry. She is hopeful that this will be available by mid-October. She then discussed recent sales activities and the disparity between assessments and high sale prices.

### 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 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa L. Couture Rimbold  
 Associate Assessor

### List of documents reviewed during meeting

Minutes	Minutes Files (vault)
August monthly reports	Report files (vault)
2015 Uncollectible excise listing and request	Report files (vault)