

## ASSESSORS



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

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

November 15, 2021

Minutes of meeting of November 15, 2021. Meeting held at the Council on Aging located at 45 Dayton Street. Present at meeting were Mr. Kevin Taugher, Ms. Lynn Masson, Mr. Thomas Reidy and Mrs. Melissa Couture Rimbold. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Ms. Masson made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of October 15, 2021, as written. Mr. Reidy seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold presented the board with the following bills for payment:

- Melissa Couture Rimbold in the amount of \$66.89 for mileage reimbursement

Ms. Masson made a motion to accept the bills payable as presented. Mr. Reidy seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

Old Business:  
 none

New Business:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold provided the board with the monthly abatement reports for October. She stated there are five (5) reports as follows:

- 2021 motor vehicle excise, 22 transactions totaling \$1,821.64
- 2013 motor vehicle excise, 110 transactions totaling \$6,694.99
- 2012 motor vehicle excise, 98 transactions totaling \$7,344.93
- 2010 motor vehicle excise, 93 transactions totaling \$5,000.05
- 2005 motor vehicle excise, 106 transactions totaling \$8,196.15

Ms. Masson made a motion to approve the monthly abatement reports for October as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Reidy. Motion passes 3-0.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold provided the board with a draft of the fiscal 2023 budget. She indicated the budget is almost identical to last year. She will be meeting with Town Administrator Wong soon to review, and she will provide any feedback received to the board. The board concurred with the draft request.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold stated that the LA3 (sales report) has been uploaded for signature along with the LA15 (Interim Year adjustment report) indicating an approximately 7% increase for property valuations for fiscal year 2022 based on prior calendar years sales data. She requested that Mr. Taugher sign the LA3 as there is only one signature block and requested that all members sign the LA15. Once they are signed, she can submit them for review and approval by Division of Local Services (DLS), Bureau of Local Assessment (BLA). Members indicated they would sign.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold then informed the board that the number being submitted for new growth to be added to the levy is \$245,035 which is higher than the initial estimate of \$200,000. Once the interim year adjustments are approved, the final LA4 (valuation report) as well as the LA13 (new growth) will be submitted for review and approval by DLS/BLA. She requested the board to sign electronically. She then indicated once the LA4 and LA13 are approved, the tax rate recapitulation work can begin along with scheduling of a classification hearing.

Associate Assessor Report:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold advised the board of the following items:

- Massachusetts Accredited Assessor (MAA) designation was renewed (cycle has been changed from 3 years to 2 years)

Mrs. Couture Rimbold provided the board with information on the following webinars, trainings and meetings:

- Presented session on Property Exemptions at the Berkshire County Assessors Association (BCAA) Annual Meeting (October 28<sup>th</sup>)

Meeting Schedule:

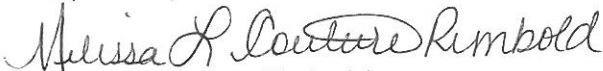
Mrs. Couture Rimbold stated she would contact the board regarding the next meeting for approving the fiscal 2022 tax rate and classification hearing information.

Other Business:

Ms. Masson made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Reidy. Motion passes 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa L. Couture Rimbold  
Associate Assessor

List of documents reviewed during meeting

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| Minutes                        | Minutes Files (vault)                 |
| Bills payable                  | Assistant to Associate Assessor files |
| October monthly reports        | Report files (vault)                  |
| Fiscal 2022 LA15, LA4 and LA13 | Tax Recap Files (vault)               |