



**Town of Norwell  
Board of Assessors  
345 Main St., Norwell, MA 02061**

**Open Session Minutes**

**Date:** March 16, 2022

**Time:** 5:15 PM (open meeting)

**Location:** Osborn Room Norwell Town Hall

**Board Members Present via Zoom:** Ms. Mary Horowitz, Ms. Mary Granville, Mr. Theodore Dawe,

**Others Present:** Ms. Meredith Rafiki, Principal Assessor

**Of note:** Remote participation continues to be conducted pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order (March 12, 2020, temporarily modifying certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A § 20(d) and 940 CMR 29.10(4)(b).) This meeting was also available via Zoom.

Ms. Horowitz called the meeting to order at 5:29 PM.

**1. Public comment for any non-agenda items:**

There was no one from the public present at the meeting at this time however Ms. Horowitz indicated that she would leave this public comment section open for the rest of the meeting in case any of the citizens had a public comment.

**2. Monthly Reports, Bills Payable and Updates:**

- a) **Discussion and Approval of Prior Minutes.** There were no minutes available for discussion or approval at this time.
- b) **Monthly Reports.** 1) February, 2022 Veterans Clause 22D Exemption Report in the amount of \$7,487.31 2) February 2022 Real Estate Overvaluation Report two (2) in the total amount of \$2,780.52 3) February 2022 CPA exemption report two (2) related to the previously mentioned overvaluation report in the amount of \$83.41 4) Veterans Clause 22 Report there are 4 exemptions at \$400 each for a total of \$1,600. 5) Clause 37A Blind Exemption Report one (1) item in the amount of \$500 6) 2022 Senior Work Off for one item in the amount of \$1,229.17 left off from the original grouping 7) FY 2020 Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement in the amount of \$81.62 8) FY 2021 Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements in the amount of, \$704.86 five (5) items 9) FY 2022 Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements in the amount of \$5,339.27 several items. Ms. Granville made a motion to accept the reports as presented, Ms. Horowitz

seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Horowitz, Yes, Ms. Granville, Yes and Mr. Dawe, Yes.

- c) **Departmental Bills** 1) Plymouth County Registry of Deeds for \$18.75 and \$24.50 2) W.B. Mason invoices in the amounts of \$46.41, \$409.78 and a credit of \$131.98 3) Vision (Interim Sales update) for \$5,000 4) Shredding invoice for \$75.00. Total invoices for \$5,442.46. Ms. Granville made a motion to accept the bills for payment, Ms. Horowitz seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Horowitz, Yes, Ms. Granville, Yes and Mr. Dawe, Yes.

- d) **Billing Commitments to Treasure/Collector.** None

**3. Updates on any Prior Meeting Action Items:**

a) **Abatement Statistics to Date:** Per Ms. Rafiki four (4) abatements remain to be site inspected. Five or Six (5 or 6) will be ready for the Board to review on Tuesday, March 22, at 9:00AM and Ms. Rafiki will post the meeting. Two (2) denials will be for commercial properties for lack of supporting information. One (1) other commercial property referenced as Building J and A need documentation for which Ms. Rafiki is waiting for. Mr. Dawe requested a total recap sheet be given to the Board for all the abatements and status to date and Ms. Rafiki indicated she would include that with the other documents to be scanned to Mr. Dawe referenced during this meeting.

**4. Other Business Items from the Principal Assessor for Discussion with the Board:**

a) **Overlay Release Letter** for a missed Senior Work-off abatement. The Cobra and Medicare funding through the release of overlay funds related to the previously mentioned Senior Work Off program at this meeting requires a funding of \$140.41. Ms. Granville made a motion to approve the release of \$140.41 in overlay funds to fund the related Medicare and Cobra costs related to the previously related Senior Work Off program at this meeting. Mr. Dawe seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Horowitz, Yes, Ms. Granville, Yes and Mr. Dawe, Yes. Ms. Horowitz confirmed with Ms. Rafiki that Mr. Dawe would have a scanned copy of all the documents referenced at this meeting related to bills and reports.

Ms. Rafiki indicated that she had spoken with Ms. Pat Anderson, Town Clerk, with respect to what procedure would be used if there was a vacancy on the Board as a result of Ms. Granville's one year appointment ending this May. After much discussion among the Board members and Ms. Rafiki. Ms. Granville, to the delight and extreme enthusiastic support of the Board and Ms. Rafiki, has decided to run for the open position on the Board and will take out the necessary nomination papers.

b) **Next Meeting Dates.** Upcoming meeting dates were discussed.

All documents and exhibits referenced above are retained in the Assessor's Office in accordance with the Commonwealths public records retention schedules

Ms. Horowitz adjourned the meeting at 6:14PM

Respectfully submitted,



Theodore Dawe, Clerk