

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

Open Session Minutes

Date: May 11, 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. Granville called the meeting to order at 5:22 PM.

1. Open Forum:

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. Assessor's Office Monthly Business:

- a) **Prior Meeting Minutes.** The Board agreed to hold the April 6, 2022 open meeting minutes until the next open session meeting.
- b) **Monthly Reports.** The Board voted on and approved the following monthly reports;
 - 1) 2022 MV Excise Tax Abatement Report - \$7,318.98
 - 2) 2021 MV Excise Tax Abatement Report - \$184.13
 - 3) 2020 Real Estate Abatement 61 code 8-58 - \$1,050.23
 - 4) 2020 CPA Abatement 62 code 8-58 - \$31.51
 - 5) 2021 Real Estate Abatement 61 code 8-58 - \$1,133.74
 - 6) 2021 CPA Abatement 62 code 8-58 - \$34.01
 - 7) 2021 Real Estate Abatement Overvaluation 21 code Report - \$58.13
 - 8) 2021 CPA Abatement Overvaluation 49 code - \$1.74
 - 9) 2022 Real Estate Abatement Overvaluation 21 code Reports - \$6,416.98
 - 10) 2022 Exemption 41A Exemption Report 40 code - \$11,277.49

- 11) 2022 Exemption 41D Exemption Report 39 code - \$2,000.00
- 12) 2022 Exemption 17E Exemption Report 29 code - \$700.00
- 13) 2022 Veterans Clause 22 D Exemption Report 35 code - \$7,570.41
- 14) 2022 Real Estate Exemption Clause 37A Report 38 code - \$500.00
- 15) 2022 Real Estate CPA Exemption 49 code - \$1,615.12
- 16) 2022 Boat Excise Tax Abatement Report 44 code - \$652.78
- 17) 2022 Boat Excise Tax Abatement Report 45 code - \$83.00
- 18) 2022 Boat Excise Tax Abatement Report 46 code - \$123.00
- 19) 2022 Boat Excise Tax Commitments Report 59 code - \$25.00

- c) **Account Payable Bills and Invoices.** The Board voted on and approved the monthly bills and approved the purchase of a Multi-Function HP Laser Jet Printer in the amount of \$549.
- d) **Tax Bill Commitments.** There were no tax bill commitments submitted at this meeting.

3. Discussion of Town Meeting Articles Status and Process Post Town Meeting Approval:

a) Discussion regarding the next steps to file the Senior Citizens Circuit Breaker Property Tax Relief Article would be to forward the legal language of the article to Mr. Dawe with a CC to Meredith so that Ms. Rafiki could forward the article to the appropriate parties within the town including Pat Anderson, the Town Clerk. Mr. Dawe has already reached out to David DeCoste the state representative who is prepared to file the article with the State Legislative.

b) Discussions regarding next steps to implement Clause 22G into the town's veterans' exemptions was discussed and agreed that Ms. Rafiki would follow-up with Pat Anderson, the town clerk, to ensure the Clause 22G was recorded.

4. Discussion of Training & Vision 8 Conference with Board. Ms. Rafiki attending a MAAO conference in Wellesley on Wednesday where various topics were discussed including new DOR information. Both Ms. Rafiki and Mr. Dawe attend a 2-day Zoom Conference conducted by Vision to introduce the new Vision 8 upgrade and general features. Most important take aways was the automatic interface of the Building Permits from the Building Department to the Vision database and the ability of the GIS mapping information to also be directly interfaced to the Vision database. Ms. Rafiki indicated that she would be following up on both of these items.

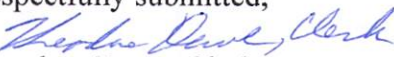
5. Anything Unforeseen: Discussion regarding the timing and certification of sales for the 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021 into the Online Assessors Database. Mr. Dawe asked when the sales would be updated into the database and Ms. Rafiki indicated that the office is working on this but that the sales would most likely not be updated in the database until 1/1/2023. Ms. Rafiki did offer a list of all the properties sold from 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021 and indicated that she would provide that information to Mr. Dawe.

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 open session at 5:57PM.

Ms. Horowitz said the Board will go into executive session for allowable purpose number 7 for the privacy reason.

Respectfully submitted,


Theodore Dawe, Clerk