



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

Open Session Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2022

Time: 12:30PM (open meeting)

Location: Assessors Office - Norwell Town Hall

Board Members Present: 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 12:33PM

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. General Board/Office Business: Minutes, Bills, Reports and Commitments, Etc.

- a) **Prior Meeting Minutes.** There were no open meeting minutes currently.
- b) **Account Payable Bills and Invoices.** There was only one invoice totaling \$4,995.00 for Vision Government Solutions which was approved.
- c) **Reports and Commitments:** The Board accepted the following reports and commitment:
 - 1) 2022 MV Excise Tax Abatement Report - \$3,658.31
 - 2) 2021 MV Excise Tax Abatement Report - \$178.19
 - 3) 2022 MV Excise Commitment Number 6 Report - \$74,114.75

3. Discussion of Classification Hearing Presentation Materials & Hearing to be held on 11/16 with the Select Board:

Ms. Rafiki submitted the latest Tax Classification Hearing Presentation to the Board for their review and discussion. The Board reviewed the presentation, discussed and corrected areas of the presentation as required and noted. Ms. Rafiki indicated that she would make the necessary

corrections for the final presentation.

4. Board of Assessors Votes & Recommendations for the Select Board Regarding the Classification Hearing Questions:

Ms. Horowitz made a motion to recommend to the Select Board not to adopt the following tax classification categories; An Open Space Discount, a Residential Exemption, a Small Commercial Exemption and to adopt a single tax rate factor of "1" seconded by Ms. Granville a vote was taken with all in favor Ms. Horowitz, Ms. Granville and Mr. Dawe all voting yes.

5. New Business: anything unforeseen:

Ms. Horowitz asked Mr. Dawe the status of the Senior Circuit Breaker Property Tax Relief article that was submitted to the Legislature for approval. Mr. Dawe reported that as of November 7th the Bill (H5063) had passed the House and was on its way to the Senate to be voted on and then passed on to the Governor for his signature. It was anticipated by our state rep that this would transpire shortly.

6. Adjourn to Executive Session. The Executive Session will follow the open session.

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 1:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Theodore Dawe, Clerk