

ASSESSORS



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

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

August 3, 2020

Minutes of meeting of August 3, 2020. Meeting was held remotely. Present at meeting were Mr. Kevin Taugher, Ms. Lynn Masson, Mr. Thomas Reidy, and Mrs. Melissa Couture Rimbold by both voice and video. All present consented to being recorded. Meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. (Meeting recording available at shctv15.com/shctv-archive/)

Ms. Masson made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of June 22, 2020 as written. Mr. Reidy seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold presented the board with the following bills for payment: CAI in the amount of \$587.50. Ms. Masson made a motion to approve the bills payable as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Reidy. Motion passes 3-0.

Old Business:

Mrs. Couture Rimbold reminded the board about their discussion surrounding a small parcel of land on East Street previously listed as unknown (owner). She stated that she has received a response from Department of Revenue (DOR) to her request for owner unknown assessment of this parcel from fiscal 2004 to fiscal 2017 to validate the prior assessments. The board reviewed the response and has asked Mrs. Couture Rimbold to speak with the Collector about billing processes. The board tabled this item until the process is known.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold informed the board that she has received a response from Attorney Brown regarding the unknown property research but there is nothing to report at this time.

Mrs. Couture Rimbold reminded the board of their prior discussion surrounding abutters list fees. She wanted to clarify the amounts received and stated that the fees previously reported to the board collected for these lists, also included costs for mailing labels provided as well. The board had asked Mrs. Couture Rimbold to contact departments involved and she presented those responses. The board reviewed the differing responses and asked Mrs. Couture Rimbold to meet with the Town Administrator to discuss the fees and inconsistencies amongst departments with these requests. She stated she would report back to the board.

New Business:

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

- 2018 motor vehicle excise, 1 transaction totaling the amount of \$ 62.50
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- 2020 motor vehicle excise, 37 transactions totaling the amount of \$3,002.45
- 2020 boat excise, 2 transactions totaling the amount of \$0.00
- 2020 real estate, 8 transactions totaling the amount of \$3,368.65

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

Mrs. Couture Rimbold informed the board that she received an inquiry from a property owner regarding their land with permanent deed restrictions on it. She indicated she then reviewed all properties with a

designated deed restriction for either Forest Legacy, Agricultural Preservation Restriction, Open Space Restriction or Conservation Restrictions. She stated she found inconsistencies with the indicated values. She went on to inform the board she would like to utilize the pricing for Chapter Land as provided annually by Division of Local Services and set by the Farmland Valuation Advisory Commission. She explained further she would utilize the category appropriate for each of the properties as indicated by the deed restriction. The board agreed with the methodology and requested that Mrs. Couture Rimbald draft a policy for a future meeting for them to adopt.

Associate Assessor Report:

Mrs. Couture Rimbald provided the board with information on the following:

- An update of webinars and trainings that have taken place since the last meeting. She stated she also served as a panelist for a session during the MAAO Summer Conference.
- An update regarding the MAAO – all events for the remainder of the calendar year will be held virtually; the Executive Director has resigned from her position.
- Provided an office schedule update

Meeting Schedule:

Mrs. Couture Rimbald stated she will monitor the need for a meeting and contact the board.

Executive Session:

ES2020ABT6

Mr. Taugher made a motion to go into executive session to comply with the provisions of Chapter 59 Section 60 to discuss and review one (1) application for abatement (Exception #7). Mr. Taugher stated that the open session of the board would not reconvene after the executive session.

Members voted as follows:

Chair, Kevin Taugher, Aye
 Clerk, Thomas Reidy, Aye
 Member, Lynn Masson, Aye

Members entered executive session and adjourned open session at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Melissa L. Couture Rimbald
 Associate Assessor

List of documents reviewed during meeting

Minutes	Associate Assessor files
Bills payable	Assistant to Associate Assessor files
Unknown owner/DOR request (East Street)	Associate Assessor files
Abutters list fee responses from other departments	Associate Assessor files
June monthly reports	Report files (vault)
Listing of Restricted Properties	Associate Assessor files