

STOCKBRIDGE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

RECORD OF MEETING

Date – Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Time – 9:00 a.m.

Location – Zoom Meeting and In-Person

Present - Michael Blay, Principal Assessor
Gary Pitney, Chairman
Douglas Goudey (via Zoom)
Thomas Stokes

The Board discussed the following at their meeting:

Last Meeting Minutes – Reviewed the minutes and mentioned to the Board that there were a few carry over agenda items from the last meeting that will be discussed at this meeting.

Board to Review & Sign Motor Vehicle Warrant – The Board reviewed and signed the warrant for Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment number 3 for calendar year 2022.

Assessor's School – Informed the Board that I have signed up for the 7 hour USPAP MAAO Course to be held on August 2nd at the University of Massachusetts.

Update on FY23 Certification Progress – Informed the Board that I had spoken to Joe Barbieri the following week. He approved our LA13A but also had other questions to ask me that were not related to the FY23 reval.

Informed them that Tammy will be working on the 2nd homeowner study using the returned 2HF Form of Lists of which we had around 380 returned to us with some still coming in daily.

I also mentioned to the Board that I was still doing Sales Analysis and conducting it on Version 8 of our CAMA software.

Update on FY2023 Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum Inc. (2 Depot St) Request for Tax Exempt Status – I informed the Board that I had talked to Donna Brewer from Miyares & Harrington about the request from Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum Incorporated a few weeks back.

During that conversation, Donna mentioned that we can provide a set of questions to the Berkshire Scenic Railway that focuses on the use of the building in question. I printed out the example questions that Donna emailed me that she had done for an Appellate Tax Board case in a different community. She had agreed with me that they were not the exact kind of questions that we should be asking. They were more geared towards that specific ATB case. I informed the Board that she would help us write the questions but I also asked the Board if they had any specific ones and to get back to me on those.

Doug mentioned that it was important to get these questions to them as soon as possible since the July 1st exemption assessment date had already passed by.

Questions of Comments from Zoom or Live Audience – There were no public participants for this Board Meeting.

Vote to enter into Executive Session per MGL Ch. 30A, sec 21(a)7 to Discuss and Review Motor Vehicle Abatements and to Discuss a Tax Exempt Pilot and Chair to Declare Whether or not the Board Will Return to Open Meeting Session Upon Completion of the Executive Sessions – Gary made a motion to enter into executive session and to not return to open session when completed. The motion was seconded and it was put forth by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Michael T. Blay, Principal Assessor

*Supporting documents are on file with the Assessor's Office.