

Stockbridge Board of Assessors

Record of Meeting

Date – Monday August 1st, 2022

Time – 9:00 am

Location – This was a Zoom and In-Person Meeting

Present - Michael Blay, Principal Assessor

- Gary Pitney

- Douglas Goudey

The Board discussed the following items at their meeting:

Last Meeting Minutes – The Board reviewed the last meeting minutes and had no issues or comments.

Land Use Code Changes for Exempt Parcels – Mike reviewed with the Board that Vision went from Conversion 6 to Conversion 8, the land use codes were not carried over and it's not Vision's fault. He needed to let vision know what the codes are for which properties, Mike contacted Vision and they fixed this issue. He went over the different codes and their meanings, he also informed the Board of the conversation that he had with the tech he was working with.

Update on FY23 Certification - Mike informed the Board that Joe Barbieri from the DOR was supposed to come this week, he doesn't have all of the information into the system so they postponed their meeting. When he gets the sales entered he will get those figures over to Joe. The personal property has been entered, he is working on the commercial properties now. The appraisals for the Glendale Power Plant should be here this week, the utility company appraisals have been received. Mike went over what the next steps are to get the certification completed, once these are done the classification hearing can be set. This could happen in October or November.

Update on Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum Inc. (2 Depot St.) Request for Tax Exempt Status – Mike reviewed with the Board that he talked to Donna Brewer at Town Counsel, they agree that a list of questions should be made. Mike came up with 8 questions, he went over them with the Board and he sent them over to Donna to review also. He gave a paper copy to the Board, Doug would like the questions to be emailed so they can review them. They can add/delete questions than get the final list over to Town Counsel, these questions pertain to why they should be tax exempt. The Board added a few questions to Mike's list, Gary made a suggestion to keep a list of these questions to give to people that are looking to become tax exempt.

Questions or Comments from Zoom or Live Audience – There was no one in attendance at the town hall and there was no one on Zoom, there were no questions or comments.

Vote to Enter into Executive Session per MGL Ch. 30A, sec 21(a)7 to Discuss and Review Motor Vehicle Abatements and the Property Tax Exempt Status for Several Properties and Chair to Declare Whether or not the Board Will Return to Open Meeting Session Upon Completion of the Executive Session – Gary made a motion to enter into executive session, Doug 1st the motion, Gary 2nd it and it was put forth by the Board that they will be entering into executive session and not returning to open session when completed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Tammy Touponce, Assessors Clerk

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