

# *Stockbridge Board of Assessors*

## Record of Meeting

Date – Monday October 11, 2022

Time – 9:00 am

Location – This was a Zoom and In-Person Meeting

Present - Michael Blay, Principal Assessor

- Gary Pitney

- Douglas Goudey

- Thomas Stokes

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.

Update on FY23 Preliminary Certification - Mike reviewed with the Board that last Thursday he was in review with the DOR, Joe Barbieri will be working on this this weekend. Hopefully by the end of the week it will be to the higher ups at the DOR to be reviewed. Once this is completed it goes on to final certification than Mike will be able to schedule the tax classification hearing, he has a form from FY18 that we will be sending out in the next few weeks. New growth could be asked to be submitted soon, the sales has been certified so the valuations can't be changed. Mike is hoping that in the beginning of November the tax classification can happen, then the bills can be sent out in December. For the preliminary certification 932 letters will be mailed out, they will be sent out at the end of this week. Once these letters are sent there will be a book in the assessor's office, one at the library and homeowners can look online at their valuations.

FY23 Public Disclosure for Updated Valuations – This was discussed in the Update on FY23 Preliminary Certification section.

CL-1 Forms Due/Reminder to Late Filers – Mike informed the Board that they were due October 3<sup>rd</sup>, there are only 3 or 4 that are late. There are a few renewals for this year, no liens need to be adjusted.

Board to Sign Contract for CAI to do Update for V8 Conversion to AxisGis – Mike informed the Board that this needs to be signed, Doug reviewed and signed it. Tom and Gary will be in to sign it. It is \$1,800.00 to update the program, Mike will give them a call this week to set up a time.

BCAA Annual Fall Meeting – Mike informed the Board that this meeting is at the Proprietors Lodge in Pittsfield on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., Mike went over who the speakers are and what they will be talking about.

Update of Tax Exemption Pilot Program - Tom informed Mike, Gary and Doug that they will be reconvening on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. There is an uncertainty on timing for nonprofits and getting back on their feet after Covid, Tom stated it's time to finish up their work on this. After the meeting they will be informed on their decision on what they will do. Tom updated the members: Jay Bikofsky, Peter Strauss, Roxanne McCaffrey, David Wasielewski and himself. They would like to explore on adding new members.

Questions or Comments from Zoom or Live Audience – Peter Strauss suggested that for the preliminary changes by mail that it may be worth while to send the letter to everyone, Mike stated that the locals can come in and look at the paperwork but the 2<sup>nd</sup> homeowners will not be able to. Doug stated that for many years this has been the process, he also added that in the coming years the letters may not be mailed out anymore. Mike also plans on putting it on the town's website, he is hoping by their next meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> it will be on there.

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 and Doug joined the meeting via Zoom so the Board could not enter executive session, they will put these items on their next agenda. Doug Mad a motion to end the meeting, Gary 1<sup>st</sup> the motion, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Tammy Touponce, Assessors Clerk

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