

# *Stockbridge Board of Assessors*

## Record of Meeting

Date – Monday February 21, 2023

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.

Deed & Map Changes for FY24 - Mike informed the Board that the deed changes are being made in the system and are almost done, the maps are being sent by the end of the week. The money is there and they can start working on putting the sketches on the Axisgis website.

Annual Report & FY24 Budget Submissions – Mike informed the Board that the annual report and budgets submissions were due in the Selectmen's office on February 22, Mike stated they have been completed and submitted.

Board to Sign Motor Vehicle 2022 & 2023 Warrants – Mike reviewed with the Board that there is one last warrant for 2022 and the 2023 warrant is the big one for the year. The Board reviewed and signed these warrants, the bills will be mailed today.

Board to Sign Abatement Certificates – Mike reviewed with the Board that these abatement applications were approved at their last meeting, the board reviewed and signed these certificates. They will be mailed out this week.

Board to Sign Exemption Certificates – Mike informed the Board that these exemption applications were approved at their last meeting, the Board reviewed and signed these certificates. They will be mailed out this week.

Letter to Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum Inc. – Mike reviewed with the Board that after they met at their last meeting and made their decision on whether to grant or deny the non-profit status he has mailed a letter out to the Museum, it went out on Friday. When he gets a response back, he will let the Board know.

Board to Sign Personal Property Uncollectible List – Mike informed the Board that one of the collectibles was a duplicate bill and the other was a second homeowner, the Board reviewed and signed these certificates. They will be mailed out this week.

Real Estate Tax Exemption Options/Changes- Mike informed the Board that his spreadsheet is not ready, they will wait until their next meeting to review this. Mike contacted Donna at Town Counsel with some questions he had about the cost of living adjustment and the 41 exemptions, the town will look into the 41C exemption. There is only income requirements not equity, there will be more discussion before any decisions are made.

Update on Tax Exemption Pilot Program – Tom informed Mike, Gary and Doug that an email has been sent out to the committee members with the revised questionnaire, Peter Strauss made some corrections to it. They are deciding on who to send out the first ones to, they will consult with the Board of Selectmen. If these nonprofits need help filling out the questionnaire they can contact any one of the committee members, once received they will meet with the nonprofit to do a final review.

Questions or Comments from Zoom or Live Audience – There was no one in the audience 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 FY23 Exemptions and FY23 Real & Personal Property Abatements for the Following Tax Bill Numbers: PP Bill #1461, RE Bill's #'s 1107, 1131, 283, 1800, 771, 1555, 1369, 741, 742, 744, 1514 & 233 and Chair to Declare Whether or not the Board will Return to Open Meeting Session Upon Completion of the Executive Sessions – Gary made the motion to enter into executive session and not return to open meeting upon completion, Doug 1<sup>st</sup> it, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Tammy Touponce, Assessors Clerk

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