

Stockbridge Board of Assessors

Record of Meeting

Date – Monday April 18, 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.

Board to Review & Sign Final FY23 Exemption Certificates - Mike informed the Board that these exemption certificates need to be signed, the Board reviewed and signed them. They will be processed this week.

Board to Sign Final FY23 Abatement Certificates – Mike informed the Board that these abatement certificates need to be signed, the Board reviewed and signed them. They will be processed this week.

3ABC Forms Filed for FY24 – Mike reviewed with the Board that these forms were due March 1st, they have all been returned with a few that have filed for extensions.

504 Utility Values for FY24 – Mike reviewed with the Board that there is \$4,000 that is set aside every year for these utility values, the Board would like to have this put in the budget as a line item. Mike stated that he has not seen the budget or the warrant yet for this year's town meeting, these values have been sent to RRC for them to work on. The preliminary values are due by the end of next month, Doug made a suggestion to have this as a line item in the budget and not have to be put on the warrant every year. Mike will talk to Mike Canales, the amount will not change.

Board to Review & Recommend Final Change to Statutory Exemptions (CL41) Age Requirement for FY24 – Mike informed the Board that at their last meeting they voted to adjust the age requirement, this would be lowering the age limit from 70 to 65. On the 41a they will lower the interest rate and up the income threshold a little. Doug made a motion to lower the age. Gary 1st the motion, Tom 2nd it and all were in favor.

Update on Tax Exemption Pilot Program – Tom updated Mike, Gary and Doug that there are no new updates, they are still in the process of doing the interviews.

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 the Property Tax Exempt Status for Two Properties 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 1st the motion, Tom 2nd it and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Tammy Touponce, Assessors Clerk

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