

Stockbridge Board of Assessors

Record of Meeting

Date – Monday November 7, 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.

Submission for Final Certification - Mike informed the Board that today is the last day for the Department of Revenue's public disclosure procedures, Mike will be submitting for certification tomorrow morning. Form LA-10 will be submitted within a couple of days, Mike needs to wait to hear from the DOR.

LA-4 & LA-3 (New Growth) – Mike reviewed with the Board what the LA-4 contains, valuations by class and personal property. The new growth that will be recorded for FY23 is \$9,079,807.00, this amount is \$2,000,000.00 over last year's new growth. This is caused by new business and new items that were recorded for FY23, building permits also played a role in this. Once this is submitted the tax classification hearing can be scheduled, final certification and new growth need to be looked at before this can happen.

FY2023 Recap & Supporting Documents – Mike reviewed with the Board that these documents are being worked on, the department heads had their first meeting last week to get this process moving along. Mike let the public know that the tax rate will be decreasing by a dollar or a little more.

FY2023 Overlay Amount for Recap & OL-1 Form – Mike informed the Board what the number is to keep in the overlay account, they are going to keep \$50,000.00 in there and that will help keep the tax rate lower. Mike had the previous years reports that showed these amounts, his numbers will have to match the accountant's numbers for this to be submitted. Doug asked about liabilities, Mike stated there are none from previous years. Gary made a motion to keep \$50,000.00 in this account, Doug 2nd it and all were in favor.

Update of Tax Exemption Pilot Program - Tom informed Mike, Gary and Doug that they met with the Selectboard on October 27th, the decision they made was to move ahead with this committee. They will be putting the finishing touches on the questionnaire and get it mailed this week, they would like to get together with these nonprofits to see what their plans are. They will compose a report and the committee will discuss it.

Questions or Comments from Zoom or Live Audience – Peter Strauss stated that he hopes the tax rate will go lower, he also stated that the Board is doing a remarkable job.

Vote to Enter into Executive Session per MGL Ch. 30A, sec 21(a)7 to Discuss and Review Motor Vehicle Abatements 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 and not return to open session when finished. Doug 1st the motion, Tom 2nd it and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Tammy Touponce, Assessors Clerk

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