

# *Stockbridge Board of Assessors*

## Record of Meeting

Date – Monday February 6, 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 Changes for FY2024 - Mike informed the Board that the name and address changes will be done by the end of this week or next week.

Map Changes for FY2024 – Mike informed the Board that the map changes will be done this week, there is only 3 of them. They will be sent with the deed changes.

Annual Report Due – Mike reviewed with the Board that this report is due February 17<sup>th</sup>, he is still working on it. After he completes it he will send a copy of it to each Board member.

Budget Request for FY2024 – Mike informed the Board that this request is due next week, there are boxed in areas they need to discuss. There were 4 items that were transferred from the overlay account, \$1,500.00 was left over to cover the sketches to be put on the website. Mike will contact Tim Fountain at AxisGis to have this completed, money will have to be put in from the overlay account for a special article continuing the yearly appraisal fees of \$4,000.00. Everything should be left the way that it is but they may have to increase a few categories, Mike will look into this.

Board to Sign Motor Vehicle 2022 Warrant – Mike informed the Board that this warrant needs to be signed, the Board reviewed and signed it.

Board to Sign Abatement Certificates – Mike reviewed with the Board that these certificates were voted on at the first meeting in January, the Board reviewed these certificates and signed them.

Board to Sign Notices of Late Abatements Filed for FY23 – Mike informed the Board that there are 2 that were received late, the date that they were supposed to be received by was January 19<sup>th</sup>. Mike will send out a notice of late filing letters.

Board to Sign CAI Tax Map Maintenance Contract- Mike informed the Board that he has received this contract, it is the same as last year. The Board reviewed and signed this contract.

Real Estate Tax Exemption Options/Changes – Mike reviewed with the Board that last year they were talking about the RE Exemption and the various other exemptions: Elderly, blind, veteran, disabled, they also talked about the options that the Selectboard can present. With some of these exemptions the equity and income need to be verified. 41C ½ may become an option, also the tax deferral, these will have to go on the agenda for the town meeting so it can be voted on.

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. Tom updated on the Pilot Program, he stated that the new questionnaire is ready to go out. They have selected 6 non-profits to reach out to. They would like to have this feed back by the time of the town meeting in May. Tom also stated that he will not be running for the Board of Assessor's, Gary, Mike and Doug thanked him for his time and all of his work.

Vote to Enter into Executive Session per MGL Ch. 30A, sec 21(a)7 to Discuss and Review FY23 Exemptions and a FY23 Personal Property Abatement for the Following Tax Bill Numbers: #182, #185, #283, #350, #688, #723, #874, #1140. #1237 and #1239 – Gary made the motion, Doug 1<sup>st</sup> it, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all were in favor.

And to Enter into Executive Session Under Purpose 7 Per MGL C. 59, sec 60 for the Purpose of Discussing an Application for Tax Exemption Regarding the Property Owned by Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum Located at 2 Depot St. and Chair to Declare Whether or not the Board Will Return to Open Meeting Session Upon Completion of the Executive Session – Gary made the motion to enter into executive session and not return to open meeting session upon completion. Doug 1<sup>st</sup> the motion, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Tammy Touponce, Assessors Clerk

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