

Stockbridge Board of Assessors

Record of Meeting

Date – Monday December 5, 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.

FY2023 Tax Rate - Mike informed the Board that the tax rate was set last Monday by the DOR, the rate is \$8.14.

FY2023 Tax Bill Mailing – Mike informed the Board that the Collector's office has started printing the bills, after they are printed Mike has to go through them and put the labels on for the ones for new homeowners. The date for mailing is December 15th with the due date being January 19th.

FY2023 Exemption Applications to be Mailed – Mike reviewed with the Board that Tammy has these forms all ready to go, they will be mailed when the bills are mailed. They are due April 1st, 2023, if anyone would like to apply there's a form online, we can mail one or they can stop in our office.

Progress on Updating Vision/CAI Upload – Mike informed the Board that a few weeks ago he couldn't upload the new assessments, he's working in Vision 8. It is fixed 75% so far, they are still working on it. Vision and CAI are working together on this issue, the final step will be CAI working on the actual icon on Mike's screen so it will automatically upload. It should be updated by the first or second week of January.

Update on Information Request from Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum – Mike informed the Board that he has received the questionnaire back, they would be available if the Board wants them to attend one of their meetings to discuss this more. Mike gave each member a copy of the questions and answers, they will take time to review and make their decision. Tom has recused himself from making a decision. Doug asked if they had to meet in executive session to discuss this, Mike will check with Mike Canales to get an answer. Gary recommended to forward this document to Town Counsel.

Board to Sign FY2023 Real, Personal, CPA & Water Lien Warrants – Mike reviewed with the Board that these warrants are ready to be signed, the Board reviewed and signed them. Tom was on Zoom, he will be in to sign them.

Update of Tax Exemption Pilot Program - Tom informed Mike, Gary and Doug that there are no new updates, possibly at their next meeting after the first of the year there will be an update.

Questions or Comments from Zoom or Live Audience – There was no one in the live audience and no one on Zoom, Tom joined the meeting a few minutes late so Mike updated him on what they had talked about. Their next meeting will be Monday January 9th, 2023 and their second meeting will be January 23rd.

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 – The Board decided that there was no need to enter into executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Tammy Touponce, Assessors Clerk

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