

MINUTES

Town of Northborough Board of Assessors Minutes Zoom March 22, 2022

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By Karen Wilber, Town Clerk's Office at 3:23 pm, Mar 30, 2022

Type of meeting: Board of Assessors

Attendees: Julie Brownlee and Chris Reidy

Call to Order: 5:03pm

Roll call: Chris Reidy – aye, Julie Brownlee—aye

Chair Julie Brownlee opened the public meeting.

The Board reviewed meeting minutes March 8, 2022.

MOTION: Chris Reidy moved to approve the minutes as written. **SECONDED:** Julie Brownlee

Roll Call Vote – **Chris Reidy – aye, Julie Brownlee – aye.**

The Board reviewed MV excise abatements of March 17, 2022, totaling \$2,610.38.

Motion: Chris Reidy moved to approve the MV excise abatements as presented. **Seconded:** Julie Brownlee.

Roll Call Vote – **Chris Reidy – aye, Julie Brownlee – aye.**

The Board reviewed MV excise Commitment 2022-2 of March 17, 2022, totaling \$255,375.79.

Motion: Chris Reidy moved to approve the MV excise commitment as presented. **Seconded:** Julie Brownlee.

Roll Call Vote – **Chris Reidy – aye, Julie Brownlee – aye.**

There were no statutory exemption applications requiring Board review and vote.

The Board reviewed a sewer betterment payoff of March 16, 2022, for 269 South Street, in the amount of \$1,320.00.

Motion: Chris Reidy moved to approve the sewer betterment payoff. **Seconded:** Julie Brownlee

Roll Call Vote – **Chris Reidy - aye, Julie Brownlee - aye.**

The Board reviewed a Chapter land rollback tax for 111 Ball Street, for fiscal years 2018 through 2021, in the amount of \$12,576.23 (including Community Preservation Act taxes and five percent simple interest.) The fifth year, FY2022, was not included in the rollback tax calculation due to removal from Chapter status and full taxation under Chapter 59.

Motion: Chris Reidy moved to approve the chapter land rollback as presented. **Seconded:** Julie Brownlee

Roll Call Vote – **Chris Reidy - aye, Julie Brownlee - aye.**

Julie Brownlee relayed information regarding methodology for valuation of personal property taxable assets for Verizon accounts, which was presented to assessors by Chris Wilcock, Bureau Chief of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR), Bureau of Local Assessment. Pending approval from Massachusetts municipalities, Verizon's personal property assets will be taxed according to fixed valuations and depreciation schedules, to which participating municipalities agree to adhere for five years, beginning in Fiscal Year 2023.

Julie Brownlee requested a motion to adjourn Open Session a 5:10 p.m. **Motion:** Chris Reidy moved to adjourn Open Session. **Seconded:** Julie Brownlee. Roll Call Vote – **Chris Reidy – aye, Julie Brownlee – aye**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Julie Brownlee requested motion at 5:10 pm to enter executive session pertinent to Mass General Laws Ch 30A Sec 21 Purpose 7. **Motion:** Chris Reidy moved at 5:10 pm to enter executive session. **Seconded:** Julie Brownlee. Roll Call Vote - **Chris Reidy – aye, Julie Brownlee – aye.**

Julie Brownlee provided a status update regarding the finding a candidate for the Board of Assessors.

The Board continued discussion of Verizon valuation methodology; more research is required.

The Board discussed the abatement applications for 185 Otis Street; for 238 West Main Street (Beaumontt/Whitney Place).

Julie Brownlee provided an update on the Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund.

The Board discussed a LandVest contract billing issue related to Northboro Crossing.

The Board discussed valuation relative to splitting the Northborough Crossing parcel into five condominium parcels.

MOTION to END EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Chris Reidy moved to end executive session at 5:42 pm.

Seconded: Julie Brownlee. Roll Call Vote - **Chris Reidy – aye, Julie Brownlee – aye.**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn: Chris Reidy moved to adjourn at 5:43 pm. **Seconded:** Julie Brownlee. Roll Call Vote –**Chris Reidy – aye, Julie Brownlee – aye.**

Respectfully Submitted, Assessor Assistant, Patricia Mespelli