

**TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
MINUTES - OPEN SESSION – ZOOM  
OCTOBER 4, 2022**

**Meeting:** Board of Assessors  
**Attendees:** Julie Brownlee, Chris Reidy, Paul Cibelli, Patricia Mespelli, Brian Fernandes  
**Call to Order:** 5:17 p.m.  
**Roll call:** Paul Cibelli – aye, Julie Brownlee—aye, Patricia Mespelli – aye, Brian Fernandes – aye

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**Chair Julie Brownlee opened the public meeting.**

Board reviewed **minutes of August 23, 2022**. **Motion:** Paul Cibelli to approve. Second: Julie Brownlee. **Roll call vote - Cibelli - aye, Brownlee - aye**

Board reviewed a total of 48 **motor vehicle excise abatements of August 26, 2022; September 2, 2022; September 9, 2022; and September 16, 2022, totaling \$7,793.76**. **Motion:** Paul Cibelli to approve. Second: Julie Brownlee. **Roll call vote - Cibelli - aye, Brownlee - aye**

Board moved its review and vote on **FY24 Chapter Land applications** to Executive Session due to inclusion of financial information.

Chris Reidy entered the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Board reviewed **(22) Clause 22 and (5) Clause 22E Veterans exemption applications** for FY23. **Motion:** Chris Reidy to approve. Second: Paul Cibelli. **Roll call vote - Reidy - aye, Cibelli - aye, Brownlee - aye**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion:** Chris Reidy at 5:23 p.m. to enter Executive Session pertinent to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Purpose 7. Second: Paul Cibelli. **Roll call vote - Reidy - aye, Cibelli - aye, Brownlee - aye**

Board reviewed **Executive Session minutes of August 23, 2022**. **Motion:** Chris Reidy to approve. Second: Paul Cibelli. **Roll call vote - Reidy - aye, Cibelli - aye, Brownlee – aye**

Chris Reidy left the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Julie Brownlee discussed the **Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) program**, under which a parcel is assessed at its agricultural, rather than fair market, value in exchange for a permanent deed restriction which protects the farmland for agricultural use in the future. Currently, there are eight parcels in Northborough with APRs.

Julie stated that the new owner of the Indian Meadows golf course property has filed an **affidavit of continued use** to maintain Chapter land status through FY23, as required.

Chris Reidy returned to the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Board reviewed and voted on **(17) FY2024 Chapter land applications. Motion:** Chris Reidy to approve. Second: Paul Cibelli. **Roll call vote - Reidy - aye, Cibelli - aye, Brownlee – aye**

Board postponed its vote on **(1) FY2024 Chapter land application** pending a request for additional information from owner.

Board reviewed **FY21 ATB case for 55 Bearfoot Road.**

Board reviewed **FY22 real estate abatement application for 55 Bearfoot Road.**

Board reviewed **FY21 and FY22 ATB cases for NStar Gas Company.**

Board reviewed **FY22 ATB case for 185 Otis Street.**

**END EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to end Executive Session:** Chris Reidy at 6:34 pm. Second: Paul Cibelli. **Roll call vote - Reidy - aye, Cibelli - aye, Brownlee – aye**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn:** Chris Reidy at 6:35 pm. Second: Paul Cibelli. **Roll call vote - Reidy - aye, Cibelli - aye, Brownlee - aye**

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Mespelli