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Open Session Meeting Minutes

Board of Assessors, November 29, 2022

Present: Maria McFarland (acting chair), Michael Colaneri, Lawrence Schubert

Absent: none

Also Present: MacGregor Anderson, Principal Assessor

The meeting convened at 4:37 P.M.

All votes were roll call votes due to the remote nature of the meeting.

Abutters Lists

Ms. McFarland took over as chair as Mr. Colaneri was unable to establish a video connection at first. The Board voted to certify the abutters lists: Schubert yes, McFarland yes

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements \$3,598.29 2021-\$165.62 2022-\$3,432.67

Mr. Schubert asked about item one on the list, Hertz, which was listed as exempt. Mr. Anderson said that was a very good catch and that he would change it in the system to show the correct abatement reason. The Board voted to approve the abatements: Schubert yes, McFarland yes

Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment 2022-6

153 bills totaling \$12,931.64

1 bill exempt at \$13.62

Mr. Colaneri joined the meeting. Ms. McFarland remained acting chair. The Board voted to approve the commitment: Schubert yes, McFarland yes and Colaneri abstaining

Senior Tax Work Off FY23

Mr. Anderson presented the three senior workoff applications. Mr. Colaneri asked for a breakdown by department. He asked about Nancy Dole who was on the Historic District Committee. Ms. McFarland explained that Ms. Dole did administrative work for the committee and was occasionally in Town Hall doing those tasks.

Ms. McFarland then asked if Mr. Anderson had an explanation for the possible conflict. He said no, that these had been qualified by the Senior Center, although he'd checked age and residence.

Mr. Colaneri asked Mr. Anderson to confirm with the Historic District Chair that this was correct. Mr. Anderson explained that the reason he had been asked to approve these today was that these had to be entered by Kathy Logue into the payroll system, despite the "pay" eventually being granted as credits against taxes.

Ms. McFarland suggested Mr. Anderson ask if the 76.25 hours Ms. Dole was being paid for was for meeting time or work outside meetings. Mr. Colaneri said he'd also like to be sure this had been checked appropriately.

At this point Kathy Logue, who had overheard Mr. Anderson, explaining that Ms. Dole had acted as a volunteer staff member for over 20 years, but recently found out she could be compensated for it. Ms. Logue continued saying it had been run by the Ethics Board and they were ok with it.

The Board voted to approve all three senior workoff exemptions: Schubert yes, McFarland yes, Colaneri yes

Request to Department of Revenue to issue third quarter preliminary tax bills

The Board reviewed the letter, and voted to sign: Schubert yes, McFarland yes, Colaneri yes

FY24 Chapterland Applications

The Board reviewed Mr. Anderson's list and voted to approve all Chapterland applications:: Schubert yes, McFarland yes, Colaneri yes

The Board did not enter into executive session.

The open session ended at 4:54pm

MacGregor Anderson, MAA Principal Assessor Approved: 1/3/23