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February 20, 2024

Open Session Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Michael Colaneri (Chair), Maria McFarland and Lawrence Schubert

Also Present: MacGregor Anderson (Principal Assessor)

The meeting convened at 4:30 P.M.

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

Items not anticipated by the Chair

Mr. Anderson announced that he was meeting with the Finance Committee on February 22nd to discuss the Assessors updated budget. Mr. Colaneri asked Mr. Anderson to send invites to the Board in case anybody wanted to join.

Mr. Schubert asked for an update on the Select Board's response to the tax policy change documents. Mr. Anderson said the Town Administrator hoped to schedule a joint meeting in March. Mr. Anderson said March would still work well if the Select Board decided to encourage further work on any of the tax policy changes.

Mr. Anderson noted that a 5% residential exemption would offset the likely override needed for the 9% budget increase expected in FY25 for qualified taxpayers. He said this was exactly the budgetary environment that had led to new residential exemptions in other towns, so it was good it was getting a closer look.

Minutes: 2/6/24

The Board voted to approve the minutes: McFarland yes, Schubert yes, Colaneri yes

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CAI FY25 Mapping Contract - \$2100

Mr. Anderson stated that the contract was identical to the prior year, that the price had not changed, and that it met his budget target. The Board voted to approve the contract:

McFarland yes, Schubert yes, Colaneri yes

FY25 ABC extension requests: MVY Radio

Mr. Anderson said it was typical for charitable organizations to request an extension to May 15th from the Department of Revenue for filing the form 990. It was based on how their fiscal year aligned with the calendar year, and was granted automatically by the DOR. The 990 was needed to complete the ABC application to be filed with the Town. He reminded the Board that a few charities applied and received this extension from the Town every year.

The Board voted to grant the extension: McFarland yes, Schubert yes, Colaneri yes

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session and not to return to open session under Chapter 30 A Section 21 (a) 3, 6 and 7

The Board will enter executive session in order to discuss litigation (3), the valuation of property (6), and applications deemed confidential under MGL CH 59 sec 60 (7)

The Board voted to enter executive session to discuss the topics below and not return to open session: McFarland yes, Schubert yes, Colaneri yes

- 1) FY24 Exemptions
- 2) FY24 Abatements

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

MacGregor Anderson, MAA

Principal Assessor

Approved: 3/7/24