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## Open Session Meeting Minutes

Board of Assessors March 7, 2023

Members Present: Michael Colaneri (Chair), Maria McFarland

Members Absent: 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.

**1) Minutes – 1/3/23, 1/17/23, 2/7/23, 2/15/23, 2/21/23**

Mr. Anderson said he had no minutes ready but was working through them.

**2) Abutters Lists**

The Board voted to certify the abutters lists: Colaneri yes, McFarland yes

**3) FY23 Q4 Actual Real Estate, CPA and Personal Property Warrant and Commitment**

Mr. Anderson presented the Q4 Actual commitments. Mr. Colaneri asked how this differed from the preliminary Recap. Mr. Anderson said it had changed by pennies and the tax rate had come in at \$4.36 as expected.

Mr. Anderson noted the 3.2% increase in the tax levy, but added that single family homeowners would likely see larger tax bill increases on average. This was due to a number of factors. The top 10% or so of properties, ranked by assessed value, especially those that had a lot of land, increased less in value than most single-family homes. He added that personal property contributed less due to reduced second home personal property values, and there was some revenue loss from new exempt properties.

The Board voted to approve the commitments: Colaneri yes, McFarland yes

**4) Mr. Anderson said he had an exemption report that had been unavailable until now that required signatures for the accountant and collector. These exemptions had previously been**

approved in executive session. The Board voted to approve the report: Colaneri yes, McFarland yes

**5) Nearmap contract review by counsel**

Mr. Anderson said the Town Administrator suggested the Board send the Nearmap contract to Town Counsel for review due to a few concerns she had. The Board voted to Mr. Anderson send the contract to Town Counsel: Colaneri yes, McFarland yes

- 6)** Mr. Colaneri announced that the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority would no longer be monitoring the Co-Housing properties. He said the Housing Assistance Corporation would be managing it. He said Caroline Flanders was presenting on an upcoming auction for affordable housing, and spoke a lot about the common house at Co-Housing and that it was used commercially. He asked Mr. Anderson if that portion of the property was taxable. Mr. Anderson confirmed that it was.

Mr. Colaneri said there was also a plan in front of the Martha's Vineyard Commission to subdivide some of the open space there. Mr. Anderson said he'd heard of this project. Mr. Colaneri asked that Mr. Anderson pay close attention to the valuation of this land at 20 Rock Pond Road and surrounding parcels if it was buildable.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50

MacGregor Anderson, MAA

Approved:

Principal Assessor

Approved 5/30/23  
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