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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

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BARNSTABLE TOWN CLERK

William Garreffo, Chairman called the Session to order at 4:45 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room. In attendance was William Garreffo - Chairman; Andy Machado - Secretary; Melvin Pauze - Board Member; R. Lane Partridge - Director and Lisa Henderson - Clerk; James O'Neill - Betterment Coordinator.

**ROLL CALL**

Garreffo-present; Machado-present; Pauze-present

**GENERAL PUBLIC PRESENT:** Suzanne Geoffrion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Suzanne Geoffrion inquired with the Board on how many properties are exempt within the Town as well as the PILOT program (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). Director Partridge asked Ms. Geoffrion to submit the request to the Assessor's Office tomorrow as he did not have the information on hand. Director Partridge also suggested that she may want to speak to her Town Councilor with regards to additional questions and concerns regarding the PILOT program within the Town.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE:** Abatement season for filing is over. We had roughly 474 abatements filed with approximately ten of them arriving after the February 1 deadline but are valid due to the United States Postal Service mailing date. So far nothing systematic stands out except for a need to review the TIF agreement (Tax Increment Financing) properties and an area in Hyannis port. Overall, not a bad abatement season given the average 27% increase in values this fiscal year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed accepting the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting. There was a motion and a second to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting. Vote was UNANIMOUS to APPROVE the minutes.

Garreffo-yes; Machado-yes; Pauze-yes

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was a motion and a second to convene Executive Session for the following reasons:

To review and approve minutes of the Executive Session held January 12, 2023 which were entered into under G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(7), to comply with G.L. c. 59 §60 and to review and discuss Motor Vehicle 2023-01; 2022-07 Commitments & Warrants, Monthly Reports, Statutory Exemptions, Residential Exemptions, 3ABC Charitable Exemptions applications, Chapter Land Liens, Reassessed Tax List(s), Commitments & Warrants for Real Estate Omit, Revised and Residential Exemption Rescissions and Real Estate & Personal Property abatement application(s).

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21 (a)(3), the Board of Assessors may vote to go into Executive Session to review and discuss pending litigation strategy for cases at the Appellate Tax Board.

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The Board MAY reconvene in Open Session following the completion of the Executive Session.

Roll call vote to enter Executive Session at 5:20 PM.

Vote was unanimous to enter Executive Session.

Garreffi-yes; Machado-yes; Pauze-yes

The Board exited executive session at 5:45 PM.

The next Board of Assessors Meeting is scheduled for: **Tuesday March 21, 2023 4:45 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

*Minutes prepared by Lisa Henderson under the supervision of Andy Machado - Secretary*

  
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Andy Machado - Secretary

PERSONS INTERESTED ARE ADVISED THAT IN THE EVENT THAT ANY MATTER TAKEN UP AT THE MEETING THAT REMAINS UNFINISHED AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, IT MAY BE PUT OFF TO A CONTINUED SESSION OF THIS MEETING WITH PROPER POSTING.

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