



TOWN OF WATERTOWN
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
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MINUTES OF WATERTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2020

On October 20, 2020, the Watertown Board of Assessors had a meeting in the Louis P. Andrews Upper Conference Room (third-floor conference room) at the Administration Building at 149 Main Street Watertown, Massachusetts which started at 9:30 A.M.

Meeting started promptly at 9:30 A.M. Present were Kathleen Colleary, Board Member, Richard Moynihan, Board Member and Earl Smith, Chair, Board of Assessors.

Earl Smith made a motion to accept meeting minutes of September 22, 2020. Kathleen Colleary suggested attachments from previous meeting should be included to meet requirements of open meeting law. Board accepted minutes subject to attachments from 9/22/2020 being included. (BLA Directives, Assessor Authorization to submit to DOR, Signature Blocks to create stamp, ATB open cases).

Board of Assessors signed three warrants:

- a. Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment #2020-04 \$181,169.60
- b. Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment #2020-05 \$158,966.06
- c. Boat Excise Commitment #2020-01 \$4,005.00

2. Update on Tax Rate Approval

- a. LA4 submitted and approved
- b. LA13 submitted and approved

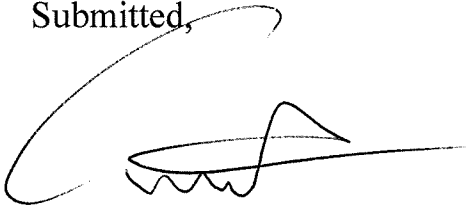
3. Discussion on Recommendations for Classification Hearing:

- a. FY20's Board indicated their intention was to continue to recommend maximum shift allowed by law and to recommend an increase to the residential exemption from 24% to 25%. FY21's Board voted to recommend maximum shift and 25% residential exemption to Council.
- b. On Exemptions, Watertown has accepted local option to increase amounts of exemptions by 100%, Board voted to continue to recommend to council.

Board Member Colleary make a recommendation to review all local options and to research what options Watertown Council has opted in to and review all options available. Board agreed and would review with Town Clerk after election.

4. Update on ATB case resolution
 - a. FY20 Arsenal Yards cases withdrawn – no abatement
 - b. FY20 Riverbend Gardens to be withdrawn – no abatement
5. Old Business / New Business – None.
6. Scheduling Next Board Meeting – Decision made to meet as needed rest of year and most likely schedule the next Board meeting for January 2021.
7. Motion made to adjourn, seconded and all were in agreement.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Earl L. Smith', with a large, sweeping initial 'E'.

Earl L. Smith
Chairman, Board of Assessors

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- d. LA4
- e. LA13
- f. ATB case list

ASSESSORS WARRANT TO COLLECT
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

Fourth COMMITMENT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WATERTOWN

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To: Katherine A. Morrison, Assistant Collector of Taxes for Watertown in the County of Middlesex.

GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby required to levy on and collect from the several persons named in the excise list herewith committed to you the amount of the MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE assessed to each such person for the privilege of registration, as therein set forth, with interest, the sum total of such list being ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS. (\$181,169.60).

And you are to pay said excise and interest to Katherine A. Morrison, Assistant Treasurer of Watertown, or to his successor in office, at the times and in the manner provided by General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 2, and also to give to the treasurer as aforesaid an account of all charges and fees collected by you. And you are to make written return of said excises and interest with your excise list and of your doings thereon at such times as the assessors shall in writing require.

But you are to complete, and make up an account of, the collection of the whole sum hereby committed to you, with interest, on or before December 31 of the current year.

And if a person refuses or neglects to pay his excise for fourteen days after demand, you shall issue a warrant to collect said excise including interest, charges and fees. If a person refuses or neglects to pay his excise after you or your designee have notified the person by mail or other means that a warrant to collect has been issued, and you or your designee have exhibited a copy of the said warrant to collect, or delivered a copy thereof to the taxpayer, or left it at his last and usual place of abode, or of business, you or your designee may request a hearing in the district court having jurisdiction. If the court finds that the debt is owed and there is sufficient property and an ability to pay, a warrant to distrain or commit and take the body of such person and commit him to jail shall issue to you or your designee to serve upon said person, according to law. Upon the issuance of the warrant to distrain or commit, you or your designee shall proceed to enforce the collection of said excise in accordance with the provisions of said court warrant.

And in the levy and collection of the amounts hereby committed to you, and of interest, and charges, and fees as provided by law, you are to have and to exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of this Commonwealth upon collector of taxes.

Given under our hands this Thirteenth Day of August, 2020

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

OF WATERTOWN

ASSESSORS WARRANT TO COLLECT
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE
FIRST COMMITMENT **BOAT**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WATERTOWN

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Given under our hands this Seventh Day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

OF WATERTOWN

ASSESSORS WARRANT TO COLLECT
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE
Fifth COMMITMENT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Given under our hands this Second Day of October, 2020

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
OF WATERTOWN

ASSESSMENT/CLASSIFICATION REPORT as of January 1, 2020

Fiscal Year 2021

Property Type	Parcel Count	Class1 Residential	Class2 Open Space	Class3 Commercial	Class4 Industrial	Class5 Pers Prop
101	2,867	2,001,851,500				
102	3,802	1,894,565,900				
MISC 103,109	21	18,135,700				
104	2,678	2,156,053,200				
105	363	333,968,700				
111-125	132	489,779,856				
130-32,106	49	3,665,900				
200-231	0		0			
300-393	352			747,380,200		
400-442	66				509,791,900	
450-452	0				0	
CH 61 LAND	0	0	0	0		
CH 61A LAND	0	0	0	0		
CH 61B LAND	1	0	0	311,888		
012-043	96	444,729,244	0	510,565,932	58,301,270	
501	162					31,311,614
502	253					65,936,239
503	0					0
504	2					113,723,640
505	10					16,111,400
506	0					0
508	4					2,186,261
550-552	0					0
TOTALS	10,858	7,342,750,000	0	1,258,258,020	568,093,170	229,269,154
Real and Personal Property Total Value						9,398,370,344
Exempt Parcel Count & Value						268 728,504,858

For CH 61, 61A and 61B Land: enter the mixed use parcel count in the left-hand box, and enter the 100% Chapter land parcel count in the right-hand box.

Signatures

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Comments

Is Community Accessible

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PERKINS SCHOOL FOR BLIND, TAXED FY2020, EXEMPTED FY2021. THIS ACCOUNTED FOR 10% INCREASE IN EXEMPT VALUE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR. AUTHORIZATION FROM BOARD OF ASSESSORS ATTACHED ALLOWING CHAIR, BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO SIGN LA-4.

Documents

Documents have been uploaded.

NOTE : The information was Approved on 10/14/2020

LA13 Tax Base Levy Growth
Retain documentation for 5 years in case of DOR audit - Fiscal Year 2021

Property Class	(A) All Prior Year Abatement No.	(B) All Prior Year Abatement Values	(C) New Growth Valuation	(D) PY Tax Rate	(E) Tax Levy Growth
RESIDENTIAL					
SINGLE FAMILY (101)	2	312,100	6,065,500		
CONDOMINIUM (102)	11	367,000	18,793,500		
TWO & THREE FAMILY (104 & 105)	10	824,200	8,494,500		
MULTI - FAMILY (111-125)	2	425,600	0		
VACANT LAND (130-132 & 106)	0	0	0		
ALL OTHERS (103, 109, 012-018)	0	0	16,246,347		
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	25	1,928,900	49,599,847	12.14	602,142
OPEN SPACE	0	0	0		
OPEN SPACE - CHAPTER 61, 61A, 61B	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPEN SPACE	0	0	0	0.00	0
COMMERCIAL	8	7,691,400	70,357,247		
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TOTAL COMMERCIAL	8	7,691,400	70,357,247	22.53	1,585,149
INDUSTRIAL	0	0	13,951,300	22.53	314,323
PERSONAL PROPERTY	1	18,720	39,988,170	22.53	900,933
TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL	34	9,639,020	173,896,564		3,402,547

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