



TOWN OF WATERTOWN
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
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Watertown Board of Assessors Minutes for February 4, 2020

In Attendance: Earl L. Smith, Chair-Board of Assessors, Richard V. Moynihan, Member-Board of Assessors, Guest Councilor Lisa Feltner

Meeting opened at 5 P.M.

1. 7 warrants signed:

2019 6 th MV Commitment \$	87,078.12
2019 7 th MV Commitment \$	13,277.71
2019 8 th MV Commitment \$	18,955.87
2020 1 st MV Commitment \$	3,676,684.95
2020 W&S	\$ 637,393.35
2020 PP Actual Commit	\$ 2,340,209.07
2020 RE Actual Commit.	\$ 59,125,675.93

2. Board of Assessors signed Treasurer/Collector request to be released from collecting uncollectable personal property bills of businesses that are absent, moved, bankrupt, insolvent or otherwise unable to pay. Prior year bills run from FY15 through FY19.
3. One Exemption denied for assets over limit.
4. ATB case resolved.
5. Abatement Review not ready. Tabled to next meeting.
6. Draft Policy on PILOT Discussion. Agreement to have policy to vote on next Board of Assessors meeting. Policy should have these points:
 - All charitable, benevolent, educational, literary, temperance or scientific organizations should participate
 - Program should remain voluntary
 - Contributions should be based on value of real estate
 - Starting point for requested PILOT 25% of what would be paid if entity was not exempt
 - Specific community benefits may be considered for a partial offset of PILOT amount (i.e. scholarships to Watertown residents, election space, recreational field use, public meeting space, etc.).
 - Suggested PILOTs should run for minimum of 10 years with extensions and an escalator
 - Any additional parcel acquisitions should be prorated as any parcels sales
 - Null and void clause if property sold, rented to third party, or ordered as taxable property by MA Department of Revenue or Appellate Tax Board
7. Old Business – None

8. New Business – Board of Assessor Member Robert Airasian submitted a letter of resignation citing overwhelming professional and personal commitments. Resignation effective 2/28/2020.
9. Next Board meeting scheduled for March 17, 2020 at 5 PM.
10. Motion to adjourn made 6:45 PM, seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Earl L. Smith
Chair, Board of Assessors

Agreed:



Richard Moynihan,
Member, Board of Assessors
3/17/2020