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MINUTES OF WATERTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2021

On September 28, 2021, the Watertown Board of Assessors had a scheduled meeting at 9:30 A.M., in person, in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room of the Town Hall.

Meeting called into session at 9:30 A.M. by Chair Earl L. Smith, present for the meeting were Kathleen Colleary, Board Member, Richard V. Moynihan, Board Member, Earl L. Smith, Chairman and Judy Gilreath, Principal Assessor Clerk – scribe.

August 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from August 24, 2021.

Richard made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 minutes. Kathleen seconded the motion. Board unanimously voted to accept meeting minutes of August 24, 2021.

Roll Call

Richard V. Moynihan – Yes

Kathleen Colleary – Yes

Earl L. Smith – Yes

Office Update:

DOR – Expecting to submit by end of week. Files in good shape.

Discussed current status of the preliminary Personal Property audits.

Will be looking at the roll back.

Sent out the Sales Questionnaires to new home buyers for the first quarter of 2021.
Minimal return. Preparing the second quarter sales.

IT/GIS: Updating. This will be done annually after this review/clean-up.

Discussion of Handout for Residential Exemption Percentage.

- Current Residential Tax Exemption = 25%
- 2 ½% - 3% would be a reasonable adjustment
- Kathleen made a motion to adopt the language as written in the handout regarding Residential Exemption Percentage. Seconded by Richard.

Roll call:

Richard V. Moynihan – Yes

Kathleen Colleary – Yes

Earl L. Smith – Yes

New Business:

Earl mentioned that Anne Marie Gagnon, Director of Senior Services, called to discuss the Senior Work-off Program. After a brief summary of their conversation, Kathleen stated that decision for work hours and monetary limits, etc, is the decision of the Town Council. Council on Aging should reach out to the Council. The Assessor's role is miniscule on this matter.

Added note: Statute does require the senior is 65 or over and the person earning the credit must be the taxpayer/assessed owner of the property.

Scheduling Next Board Meeting – October 26, 2021, at 9:30

Chair motioned to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION - PUBLIC MEETING WILL NOT RECONVENE.

A. Exemption applications are confidential under G.L. c. 59, § 60, convening in executive session under purpose 7 to comply with, or act under the authority of, that general law regarding Exemption Applications.

B. Citing a strategy to discuss open Appellate Tax Board litigation that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. Review of open litigation.

Kathleen so moved to end the current meeting and move into Executive Session. Richard seconded the motion.

Roll Call

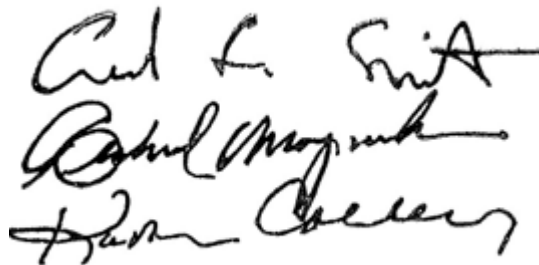
Richard V. Moynihan – Yes

Kathleen Colleary – Yes

Earl L. Smith – Yes

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Attachment: BOA Policy and Scenarios



APPROVED: October 26, 2021