

Minutes of January 7, 2021 Assessors Meeting at Town Hall

Meeting commenced at: 5:05 pm

Members present: Bill Cosel, Al Wilcox, Evelyn Robinson

Sign minutes of December 3, 2020



to website  
3/15/2021 UDB

Old Business:

Classification Hearing was held on November 24, 2020

Tax Rate of \$6.90 was approved on December 4, 2020

New Business:

Sign FY21 Real Estate Warrant for \$669,197.31

Sign FY21 Personal Property Warrant for \$53,802.36

Sign FY21 Goose Pond Maintenance District Warrant for \$21,128.94

Sign Notice of Commitment to Accountant for FY21 bills

Sign invoice from Paul S. Kapinos & Assoc. for \$3,250.00

Sign invoice from Paul S. Kapinos & Assoc. for \$10,350.00

Sign ASSESSOR'S NOTICE regarding Form 2/Form 2HF/Form 3ABC

Sign RE Abatement Certificates for Preliminary bills for Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company

Sign MV Abatement Denial Notice to Arnold Wenger

Review FY21 Contract with Paul S. Kapinos & Assoc.

Review letter from Bonnie Costello of 59 George Canon Rd/Discussion relative to owner's request for "a reconsideration of past taxes and a credit for inappropriate assessment in the past". Massachusetts Law states that a person aggrieved by the valuation of their real or personal property, for reasons of overvaluation or disproportionate assessment, should file an abatement application with the Board of Assessors, by the deadline date. The Assessors have never received an abatement request from Bonnie Costello or co-owner Frank Cespedes in the previous 5 years. It was decided the Board would draft a letter to Ms Costello, explaining the abatement process and the fact that Assessors have no legal right to reduce a property owner's taxes unless an abatement application has been timely filed.

Meeting adjourned: 6:00 pm

Bill Cosel  
Al Wilcox