

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**69 MAIN ST., NORTHFIELD MA 01360**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2021 12 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert MacEwen, Bethany Walker and Alice Lord

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jose Madiedo, CONSCOM member; Al Stone (former) AG committee member; and Andrea Llamas, Town Administrator (12:22)

MacEwen called meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

○ **CONSCOM SPECIAL REQUEST TO MEET WITH ASSESSORS**

- Stone (stated he came in on behalf of Bill Llewelyn) and Madiedo asked the board to reconsider and to start to send out Chapter 61 applications again, or at least reminders. Walker advised that it was not a best practices to mail out such applications as it is extremely time consuming and costly. The BOA all stated that it should be the property owner's responsibility if they want the benefit of a reduction in taxation. Walker brought up the fact that technically anyone that has 5 acres or more of land should then actually be mailed an application so as to not exclude anyone and that is just not acceptable to the board. BOA felt very strongly against mailing the applications out. Walker has all the paperwork available online and printed and available outside the BOA office. Individuals may call or email and specifically request an application, but the property owner needs to take responsibility.

12:16 Stone and Madiedo left the BOA meeting

○ **MINUTES**

- Request to review next meeting

○ **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE**

- Abatements received to date were reviewed; monthly VADAR list initialed for the Accountant and Treasurer
  - ***A motion was made by MacEwen, seconded by Lord and VOTED unanimously to approve all MV abatements submitted to date***

○ **REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY**

- Mayflower Update
  - Continuing to work on Revaluation information
- Firstlight Appraisal
- Chapter Applications were due October 1st
- Discussion on approaching the College for PILOT
  - Llamas stated that she had been in discussion with Dennis McCarty, CFO of Thomas Aquinas College, regarding the East Northfield Water Company. McCarthy has taken the initiative and using their college resources to try to get an assessment as to potential options for there to be a creation of a water district, owned by the sole users, and take over the ENWC. Many grants would be available if this were to be a public water district as opposed to the current state, it being a private water company; no grants are available. Llamas is hesitant on approaching a discussion on a PILOT with them at this time since they are heading the water company issue, which is a significant step for all users.


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- Also discussed the timeline of The Moody Center's PILOT; it will be up for review again for FY23. Discussed happenings within the Moody Center properties (i.e. Campground moving forward, updating some buildings to become Bed and Breakfasts)
- **OFFICE/UNCATERGORIZED TOPICS**
  - Lord as the Assessors Rep for the C5 group reported that she and Llamas did have a discussion involving the commitment to this group and it was determined that this group will meet less often.
- **BUDGET**
  - No areas for concern
- **BILLS**
  - No Bills
- **MAIL**
  - The Accountant sent out balance sheets
- **NEXT MEETING**
  - 11/10/2021 at 12pm

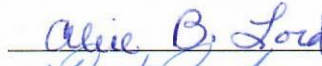

*A motion was made by MacEwen, seconded by Lord and VOTED unanimously to adjourn the Board of Assessors Meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm

Submitted by:

  
Bethany Walker, clerk

Approved by:

  
  
11-10-2021