

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES
69 MAIN ST., NORTHFIELD MA 01360
APRIL 12TH, 1 PM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brother David Mazzola (1:30-1:50pm)

MacEwen called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

○ **MINUTES**

- Minutes from the 3/15/2023 meetings were reviewed.
 - *A motion was made by MacEwen, seconded by Lord, and **VOTED** unanimously to approve the 3/15/2023 meeting minutes as presented.*

○ **BROTHER DAVID MAZZOLA**

- Discussion on parcel 17-D2.1 (31 Holton St)
- Mazzola states it should be exempt since it is a monastery.
- Assessors asked about the parcel and its uses, who lives there and what can be provided for information to back up the request for exemption.
- The Assessors provided Mazzola with the State of Massachusetts guidelines for seeking exemption for Charitable and Religious organizations.
- Determination about exemption to be made at 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 Lord, seconded by MacEwen, and **VOTED** unanimously to approve all MV abatements submitted to date.*

○ **REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY**

- Mayflower Update:
 - Cyclical Inspections letters were mailed April 6th. James Quackenbush will do 100 inspections starting on Tuesday, April 25th and will work out of Northfield 1 day a week until inspections are completed.
- Exemptions received to date were reviewed and signed off on those that met the requirements.
- 3ABC Forms
 - BOA would like to have CS Lewis Study Center (Mary Key) provide additional information pertaining to the request for Charitable and Religious Organization Exemption; Walker to mail letter with such request.
 - Kiwanis is in the process of selling their parcel of land (22-D4) located at 223 School St. It is a private sale with an Abutter. The 3ABC form was received, however the BOA agreed that it is no longer being used for such cause to claim exemption since a Purchase and Sale Agreement has been signed and in the process of being sold. This parcel will go back on tax roll effective for 1/1/2023 for taxation in FY2024.

○ **OFFICE/UNCATERGORIZED TOPICS**

- n/a

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- **BUDGET**
 - Month end report/balance sheets reviewed.
- **BILLS**
- **MAIL**
 - Financial Assistant, Erin, sent out balance sheet.
- **NEXT MEETING**
 - 5/10/2023 at 1pm

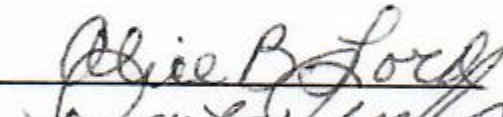
A motion was made by MacEwen, seconded by Walker, and VOTED unanimously to adjourn the Board of Assessors Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm

Submitted by:

Bethany Walker, clerk

Approved by:



5-10-2023