

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES
69 MAIN ST., NORTHFIELD MA 01360
MAY 10TH, 2023 1 PM

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

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

○ **REORGANIZE**

- *A motion was made by Walker, seconded by MacEwen, and VOTED unanimously to have MacEwen and Lord remain as Co-Chairs of the Board of Assessors.* MacEwen and Lord agreed to continue as Co-Chairs.

○ **MINUTES**

- Minutes from the 4/12/2023 meetings were reviewed.
 - *A motion was made by MacEwen, seconded by Lord, and VOTED unanimously to approve the 4/12/2023 meeting minutes as presented.*

○ **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE**

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

○ **REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY**

- Mayflower Update:
 - Cyclical Inspections: 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.
- 3ABC Forms
 - CS Lewis Study Center (Mary Key) provided additional information pertaining to the request for Charitable and Religious Organization Exemption. Not enough evidence and late filing overruled exemption.
 - Kiwanis parcel will no longer be exempt.
- PILOT
 - BOA wants to start the process of seeking a PILOT with Thomas Aquinas College. They are exempt as they are an educational facility. To Date, there has been no financial contribution to town for the use of town services (i.e., Police, Fire etc....) Andrea Llamas will need to participate in conversation as well.

○ **OFFICE/UNCATERGORIZED TOPICS**

- n/a

○ **BUDGET**

- Month end report/balance sheets reviewed.

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○ **BILLS**

○ **MAIL**

- Financial Assistant, Erin, sent out balance sheet.
- FRCOG provided an update on Short-Term rentals in Franklin County. Currently, Northfield does not have a rooms tax.

○ **NEXT MEETING**

- 6/14/2023 at 1pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Submitted by:

Bethany Walker, clerk

Approved by:

Alise B. Lord
Bethany Walker

7-12-2023