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Methuen Board of Assessors Meeting
July 17th, 2023
Assessor's Office, 41 Pleasant St, Methuen, MA

On the above date, the Board of Assessors met in person to consider all business to come before the Board. Present at the meeting were Chairwoman Janet McLennan and board member Thomas Hoye. Member Neily Soto was absent. Also, in attendance was Suzanne Doherty, Assessor and Jennifer Polisenio, Assistant Assessor.

Janet McLennan, as a member, made a motion to open the general meeting at 9:00 a.m., seconded by member Thomas Hoye, the motion was unanimous.

Janet McLennan, as a member, made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting, seconded by member Thomas Hoye, the motion was unanimous.

New business included discussion of a gift of a land parcel on Daisy Dell to the City, which results in a small tax abatement. Thomas Hoye, as a member, made a motion to abate \$162.83, the balance of the FY23 tax. Motion seconded by Janet McLennan. The board was brought up to date on new commercial ATB cases filed for FY23.

The board reviewed and signed the preliminary FY24 Real Estate and Personal Property tax commitments. The board reviewed and signed the monthly List of Abatements. Thomas Hoye, as a member, made a motion to accept senior and veteran exemption applications as presented that meet the criteria, seconded by Janet McLennan, the motion was unanimously approved.

Janet McLennan made a motion to abate Fiscal year 2019, uncollectible personal property taxes at the direction of the Treasurer/Collector. Thomas Hoye, as a member, seconded the motion. Brief discussion on researching the acceptance of a low value threshold for personal property taxation for the future.

Janet McLennan, Chairwoman, under made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:07 a.m. to consider Statutory Exemption Applications and Pending ATB cases, in compliance with the Open Meeting Laws purpose #7 ("To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special or federal grant-in-aid requirements") and to adjourn the meeting from the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by member Thomas Hoye, and it was unanimously voted by Roll Call Vote:

Janet McLennan- Yes
Thomas Hoye - Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Assessors meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.

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MEETING POSTING AND AGENDA BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 6th, 2023, 8:30 am
Location: City Hall, 41 Pleasant St., Methuen, MA
2nd floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order of Regular Meeting
2. Roll Call
3. Acceptance of the Minutes: July 17th, 2023
4. New Business
5. Old Business
6. Meet in executive session to review abatement and/or exemption applications
The Board will meet in executive session to review abatement and/or exemption applications pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 60. Chapter 59, Section 60 limits inspection of Chapter 59 abatement and exemption applications to assessors and the deputies, clerks and assistants of the assessors, and certain other parties listed in the law.
7. Adjourn meeting from executive session - the board will not reconvene in an open session.

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