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Board of Assessors

John R. Fisher, Chairman Edward F. O'Neil, Member Robert L. Bushway, Clerk

Minutes of Meeting January 5, 2021

The Board of Assessors met remotely on Tuesday, January 05, 2021, at 11:15 am. The following Board members were present: John Fisher, Chair, Edward O'Neil, Member, Robert Bushway, Clerk. Also participating Dennis Flis, Director of Assessing.

Executive Order on Remote Participation Thursday March 12, 2020 Governor Baker issue and "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting G.L. c 30A Section 20. That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated. Chair to announce that all members will be participating remotely during the meeting due to unprecedented time in history of the Commonwealth. The Governor has authorized remote Participation for all public boards due to the Emergency declaration order that was issued on March 12, 2020. Every vote taken will be taken by roll call vote.

The Board of Assessors reviewed and discussed the balance in the Allowance for Abatements and Exemption Account and voted 3-0-0, favorable action, to release and transfer \$1,000,000 to Overlay Surplus Account.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Board of Assessor's FY 2022 Budget, along with the Town Administrator recommendations. No action by the Board is required at this time.

The Board reviewed and discuss the employment contract for the Director of Assessing. The Board voted 3-0-0, favorable action, to approve the contract.

The Board was informed that interviews for the vacant C-2, Clerk position in the Assessor's Office will begin next week.