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Minutes of Meeting **November 10, 2022**

The Board of Assessors met on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 4:00 pm, Town Hall, Room 112. The following Board members were present: John Fisher, Chair, and Richard Zaccaro, Clerk, Denise Ellis, Member, also participating, Dennis Flis, Director of Assessing and Jennifer Florio Deputy Assessor.

The Board reviewed and discussed the memo from the Town Administrator on FY 2024 Budget Process and Directives. The Board along with the Director of Assessing will review the current budget and make recommendations to the Town Administrator for the FY 2024 Board of Assessors budget.

The Board after a lengthy review and discussion over the preceding months, on the Mutual Benefit Society application regarding whether the Italian American Club (“the Club”) qualifies for tax exemption status pursuant to G.L. c. 56, 5, clause 3rd. The Board after examining all the fact presented to them will entertained a motion on the application, Mr. Zaccaro proposed a motion that the application should be approved, there was no second to the motion so it was not considered by the Board. Mr. Fisher then proposed a motion to deny the application, Mrs. Ellis second the motion, a vote was taken, 2-1-0 to deny the application.

The Board reviewed and discussed the FY 2023 Classification Informational Packet for the upcoming meeting with the Select Board... The Select Board will receive input from the Board of Assessors and the public at their meeting on November 15th when deciding the FY 2023 Residential Factor. The Residential Factor determines the FY 2023 tax rates.

After discussion on the various scenarios concerning the Residential Factor, the Board will entertain a recommendation to the Select Board on the Residential Factor. Mr. Zaccaro made a motion to increase the Shift from 1.2750 to 1.350 there was no second to the motion so it was not considered by the Board. Mr. Fisher then proposed a motion to increase the shift from 1.275 to 1.300, Mrs. Ellis second the motion, a vote was taken, 2-1-0 to recommend a shift of 1.300.

At the Select Board meeting on the 15th, the Board of Assessors will recommend to the Select Board to increase the maximum amount of the Senior/Veterans work-off program from \$1,000 to \$1,500 annually.