

Board of Assessors

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Minutes of Meeting February 15, 2022

The Board of Assessors met on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 4:00 pm, via zoom. The following Board members were present: John Fisher, Chair, Robert Bushway, Clerk and Richard Zaccaro, Member. Also participating, Dennis Flis, Director of Assessing.

Executive Order on Remote Participation. On Thursday, March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting G.L.c 30A, Section 20. That order was effective immediately and until it is rescinded, or the State of Emergency is terminated. 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 reviewed the FY 23 applications for abatements. The deadline for filing applications was February 1st. There were 49 applications filed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Senior Means-Test Residential Bill currently in the Massachusetts Legislation, House Bills H 2915. This bill would establish a local option for a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption for qualify taxpayers. At this time the Board will monitor the bill's process.

The Board reviewed the upcoming Appellate Tax Board Cases.

The Board after reviewing and discussing, voted 3-0-0, to grant the following applications for abatements:

32-27 \$205.33 19-99 \$238.59 45-80 \$167.74

The Board after reviewing and discussing, voted 3-0-0, to deny the following applications for abatements:

13-50 PP Account 10688 PP Account 10689 19-12