

BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2021
5:00 P.M. AT TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
240 SPRINGFIELD STREET, WILBRAHAM, MA

MINUTES

This meeting was conducted in compliance with Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20 signed on March 12, 2020.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Chairman Roger J. Roberge, II, Assessor John M. Wesolowski, Town Administrator Nick Breault, Human Resources Coordinator Herta Dane

PRESENT VIRTUALLY VIA GOTOMEETING: Assessor Larry LaBarbera, and Christopher Keefe, Candidate for appointment to the position of Assistant Assessor

CHAIRMAN ROGER ROBERGE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:05 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: Made (Wesolowski) and seconded (Roberge) to appoint Christopher Keefe as Assistant Assessor for a one year term beginning on April 8, 2021 and ending April 7, 2022. Roll Call Vote: Wesolowski – yes, LaBarbera – yes, Roberge – yes. Approved 3-0.

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Made (Wesolowski) and seconded (LaBarbera) to approve the minutes of the Open Session of March 17, 2021. Roll Call Vote: Wesolowski – yes, LaBarbera – yes, Roberge – yes. Approved 3-0.

The Board tabled the approval of the minutes for the Executive Session on February 24, 2021.

The Board tabled the approval of the minutes for the Executive Session on February 18, 2021.

REPORTS, ABATEMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS

Chairman Roberge and Assessor Wesolowski signed the *FY21 Expenditure Report*.

Chairman Roberge and Assessor Wesolowski signed the *Accounting Reports for February and March 2021*.

Chairman Roberge and Assessor Wesolowski signed the following *Assessors Warrants to Collect*:

2021 PILOT Tax Warrant in the amount of \$2,564.04
 2021 Betterment:
 3V Bulkley Rd in the amount of \$4,459.74

MOTION: Made (Roberge) and seconded (Wesolowski) to approve the Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Abatements of Roll Call Vote: Wesolowski – yes, LaBarbera – yes, Roberge – yes. Approved 3-0.

Chairman Roberge and Assessor Wesolowski signed four Excise Abatement Reports.

- 1) 2021 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Abatements
 - Report 1 - Cert # 10584 – 10639 (56 Certs) in the amount of\$ 4,346.47
 - Report 2 - Cert # 10568 – 10582 (15 Certs) in the amount of\$ 2,059.99
- 2) 2020 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Abatements
 - Report 1 - Cert # 10566 – 10567 (02 Certs) in the amount of\$ 89.63
- 3) 2019 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Abatements
 - Report 1 – Cert # 10565 only in the amount of\$ 56.25

MOTION: Made (Roberge) and seconded (Wesolowski) to approve the 2021 PILOT Tax Warrant for the Wilbraham Housing Authority Properties of Roll Call Vote: Wesolowski – yes, LaBarbera – yes, Roberge – yes. Approved 3-0.

MOTION: Made (Roberge) and seconded (Wesolowski) to approve FY21 R.E. Exemptions Roll Call Vote: Wesolowski – yes, LaBarbera – yes, Roberge – yes. Approved 3-0.

Motion: Made (Roberge) and seconded (Labarbera) to approve a FY21 Veterans Exemption for 545 Ridge Road. Roll Call Vote: Wesolowski – recused himself from this vote, LaBarbera – yes, Roberge – yes. Approved 2-0.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TOTAL # OF APPL</u>	<u># NEW APPL</u>	<u>REAL ESTATE EXEMPTION</u>	<u>CPA EXEMPTION</u>
Veterans	22	5	1	2,000.00	30.00
Veterans	22F	1	0	13,608.39	169.69
Senior	41C	3	0	2,250.00	114.17
TOTALS		9	1	17,858.39	313.86

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant from Town Administrator Nick Breault who had two questions for the Board. Chairman Roberge told Mr. Breault that the answer to both questions was yes. It was decided that Mr. Breault would add "The Board of Assessor's approves" at the end of Article ??.

The Board discussed correspondence regarding the Chapter 61A matter of the property of Robert Letourneau (spelling?). Chairman Roberge stated that the property in question has to be contiguous and all land has to fall under identical ownership. Mr. Keefe was asked for his opinion and he expressed concern that it may not qualify. The Board decided to ask Mr. Letourneau for a copy of his lease and tabled further discussion on this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Roberge made the following announcement:

"As Chairman of the Assessor I hereby announce the Board of Assessors will hold an executive session for the following purposes: Per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (2) to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel – Assessor's Part Time Clerk,; and per M.G.L. c 30A §21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair I so declare--UPSEU Local 424M, and that the Board of Assessors shall reconvene in open session only to adjourn".

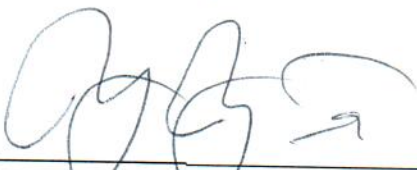
MOTION: Made (Wesolowski) and seconded (LaBarbera) to enter into executive session per M.G.L. c. 30A§ 21(a) (2) to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel – Assessor's Part Time Clerk; and per M.G.L. c 30A §21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining-UPSEU Local 424M, and that the Board of Assessors shall reconvene in open session only to adjourn". Roll Call Vote: Wesolowski – yes, Labarbera – yes, Roberge - yes. Approved 3-0.

The Board returned to open session at 6:45 p.m. only to adjourn.

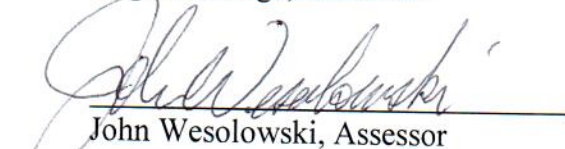
MOTION: Made (LaBarbera) and seconded (Wesolowski) to adjourn. Approved by each Assessor voting affirmatively in a roll call vote; (LaBarbera, yes, Wesolowski, yes, and Roberge, yes.) Approved 3-0.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Herta Dane, Human Resources Coordinator



Roger Roberge, Chairman



John Wesolowski, Assessor



Larry LaBarbera, Assessor