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Ellen Murphy, Chair

Matthew M. Dailey

Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2023

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order in the Assessor's Office in the Hopedale Town Hall at 6:32 PM. The members present are Ellen Murphy and Matthew Dailey. Minutes are taken by Cheryl Hanly.

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2022 were reviewed. Matthew Dailey motions to accept the minutes as written. Ellen Murphy seconds the motion - minutes pass unanimously.

General Business:

BOA review and sign the Motor Vehicle Abatement report for December 2022.

BOA review and sign Commitments and Warrants for FY23 Actual Billing Cycle (Q3/Q4)

BOA review departmental bills that have been paid since the last BOA meeting.

BOA tentatively schedule their next meeting for Thursday February 16, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Principal Assessor Cheryl Hanly shared her statistical analysis on Personal Property billing in Hopedale, demonstrating how several bills yield very little revenue and in fact cost money to issue. Ms. Hanly asked the Board if they would support her effort towards Hopedale adopting a "low value threshold" under General Laws Chapter 49 Section 5 (54). The local option allows a city or town that accepts its provisions to establish a minimum fair cash value required for personal property accounts to be taxed, and to modify that value by vote of town meeting. The Board reviewed the data and agreed to support the effort in establishing a minimum value threshold of \$3,000, which equates to an approximate minimum annual tax bill of \$78 using FY23 values and tax rates.

Executive Session:

Board members are polled for the purpose of entering Executive Session under Purpose 7 to discuss and vote on matters that are confidential in accordance with the law, such as, but not limited to abatements and exemptions (MGL Ch. 59, Sec. 60), or property income & expense disclosures (MGL Ch. 59, Sec 52B). Ellen Murphy moved to **not** reconvene to regular session at the completion of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dailey and agreed by all.

Roll Call vote: Aye; Ellen Murphy – Aye; Matthew Dailey. Board adjourns Open Session and enters Executive Session at 6:50 PM.

BOA review and sign FY23 Personal Exemptions and Abatements. Detailed lists are attached.

A motion was made to adjourn Executive Session at 6:55 by Ellen Murphy and agreed by all: Roll Call vote: Aye; Matthew Dailey Aye; Ellen Murphy.


Ellen Murphy, Chair


Matthew M. Dailey, Member


Cheryl Hanly, recorder of minutes