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Donald W. Howes
Chairperson
Edward A. Holland, Jr.
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Meeting: April 25, 2016

Starting at 8:30 AM

Attending: Don Howes, Edward Holland, Jr., and Teri Gonsalves
Steve Sette 8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Minutes taken by: T. Gonsalves

Minutes approved for meeting held on March 24, 2016

Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the status of tax valuation for the restaurant/food management change at the Hopedale Country Club. The BOA has requested via Steve Sette a copy of the signed agreement between the HCC and Tracey Liberatore and a written opinion from Town Counsel after reviewing the signed agreement stating any tax implications and/or tax status change due to a possible change in status. The HCC currently pays rent to the Town as a nonprofit entity. The concerns/questions of the BOA are the changes taking place with the restaurant/food service. Ms. Liberatore will also be using the facility to run a catering service with food being served both on and off site. The BOA will also seek the opinion of DOR Legal after receiving a written opinion from Town Counsel.

Meeting Items:

- a. A request was received from Carole Mullen (COA) to increase the senior tax credit amount from \$750 to \$1,000, subject to Town Meeting approval. The BOA approved this increase for no more the total of 25 positions with the total amount paid not to exceed \$25,000.
- b. Articles for Town Meeting were approved; COLA increased .59% for FY2017. The articles to go before Town Meeting are Clause 41C and Clause 17D.
- c. A discussion was held regarding the trailers located at 300 South Main St. The Principal Assessor will send a letter to the owner of the property inquiring on the status of the operation
- d. Mileage was approved and signed for the Principal Assessor

- e. The request to charge off uncollectable excise tax was not acted on as the information was not received from the Treasurer/Collector. This may be brought to a future meeting when the information is received.
- f. The BOA received a request from the Finance Committee to transfer an additional \$60,000 from the overlay account to offset the FY2017 operating budget. This request was approved pursuant to the account being reimbursement if addition funds are received from the state.

Other topics not anticipated prior to posting of this meeting:

The BOA approved and signed the Notice of Commitment and Assessor's Warrant to collect the FY2016 – 40A Recommits

Executive Session: N/A

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM