

**Board of Assessors Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, Assessors Conference Room, 60 Center Square**  
**East Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01028**

**Present:** Marilyn Ghedini, Assessor; J. William Johnston, Acting Chairman and Clerk of the Board and Diane L. Bishop, Director of Assessing

Due to the absence of Chairman Grudgen, Mr. Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. It was noted this meeting is being taped by ELCAT, 180 Maple Street, East Longmeadow. This office will tape this meeting in its entirety for the purposes of the minutes in accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 20.

**Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Johnston reviewed the minutes from the meeting of January 28, 2020 and found them to be in order as to form and content and moved they be approved. Ms. Ghedini seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

**Administrative:**

**Reports:** The board reviewed and signed when needed the following monthly reports:

- Motor Vehicle Abatement Report (2018, 2019)
- Boat Abatement Report (2003-2009)
- FY20 Real Estate Exemption Report
- LA-3 Sales Report (January): Mr. Johnston stated this report is subject to change.
- Building Permit Report (January): Ms. Bishop stated there are two new dwelling for the month of January which is a good start for the new year.
- Director's Report:
  - Excise Tax Bills: Ms. Bishop stated the excise tax bills were mailed and will be due on March 11, 2020. The office has received many calls on the valuation which changed ever so slightly due to the DOR informing the RMV of the need to use actual values opposed to rounding the values. Ms. Bishop also encouraged tax payers if they received an excise bill but they no longer have the vehicle they can apply for an abatement. Many people do not realize there is an abatement application on the back of their bill. Lastly, Ms. Bishop reminded the board that the RMV included the Section 5 Plates which include Farm, Over Road Construction and Dealer Plates. Previous years the Section 5 commitment was not received by the town until the middle of the calendar year.

Mr. Johnston made a motion to go into executive session to review FY20 Real Estate Statutory Exemptions and FY 20 Real Estate Abatements; to return to open session to record any votes if needed and adjourn. The following roll call was taken. Ms. Ghedini, Yes, Mr. Johnston, Yes.

The board returned to open session at 5:20 p.m.

Votes of the Board of Assessors:

The following is the vote of the Board of Assessors for all Real Estate Statutory Exemptions put before them:

#	Parcel ID #	Location	Abt/Exemption	Clause	Vote /Date	BOA Action
1	1A-64-158	39 Barnum St	Exemption	41C	2/18/2020	Denied
2	2C-18-355	15 Lull St	Exemption	41C	2/18/2020	Granted
3	85-7-0	285 Allen St	Exemption	22	2/18/2020	Granted
4	7-73-63	11 Harris Dr	Exemption	37A	2/18/2020	Granted
5	72-24-4	40 Tanglewood Dr	Exemption	22	2/18/2020	Granted
6	74-24-18	53 High Pine Cir	Exemption	22	2/18/2020	Granted
7	84-10-28	73 Holland Dr	Exemption	41C	2/18/2020	Granted
8	40-9-0	189 Somers Rd	Exemption	17D	2/18/2020	Granted
9	35-26-2	249 Elm St	Exemption	37A	2/18/2020	Granted
10	15-15-633	8 Gaskell St	Exemption	41C	2/18/2020	Granted
11	2A-54-611	89 Gerrard Ave	Exemption	41C	2/18/2020	Granted
12	40-15-2	8 St. Joseph Dr	Exemption	41C	2/18/2020	Granted

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Assessors will be Tuesday, March 10, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall, Assessors Conference Room, 60 Center Square, East Longmeadow, MA.

Mr. Johnston made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ghedini seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J.W. Johnston  
Clerk of the Board

Documents Reviewed: Minutes; MVE Abatement Report; Boat Abatement Report; FY20 RE Exemption Report; Notice to Accounting; LA-3 Sales Report; Building Permit Report; Directors Report; FY 20 Statutory Exemptions; FY 20 Real Estate Abatement Applications.