

Thursday April 28, 2022 Board of Assessors VIRTUAL Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Chair Jeffrey Quackenbush, members Susan Reyes and Howard Shpetner.

Also present: Administrative Assessor Kevin Rudden and Assessors' Clerk Leslie Bracebridge.

Chairman Jeffrey Quackenbush opened the meeting at 5:30 PM online using ZOOM Meeting ID 841 4408 5683, Passcode D2jvJs and Phone passcode 489231.

The March 24, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as written.

The following Accountant Reports were approved for signature stamps:

- **Motor Vehicle Abatements:**

<u>Commit. Year</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Total Amount Abated</u>
2022	March (2022)	\$130.36

- **Real Property Exemptions:**

<u>Commit. Year</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Total Amount Abated</u>
2022	March (2022)	\$1,975.00

- **Community Preservation Act Exemptions and Abatements:**

<u>Commit. Year</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Total Amount Abated</u>
2022	March (2022)	\$ 94.91

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitment 20 has been processed in the amount of \$327.52.

Administrative Assessor's Report:

1. The means-tested exemption bill has come out of the Joint Committee. Passage requires 2 more House passages, and 2nd and 3rd endorsements and then it will move on to the Senate.
2. Main Street GIS maps has been bought out by CAI Technologies and as of this week, the Assessors have a new mapping program, at no extra cost to the town. Kevin reports abutters lists are stream-lined due to weekly updates from Vision. Leslie reports having challenges with no Lot letters, and abutters lists for "Z-Lots." Kevin will forward a user manual to Leslie. Assessors are invited to try it out, by going to the Assessors web-page for the link.
3. On Friday May 20, Kevin will meet with Shutesbury's Department of Revenue (DOR) contact regarding the 5-year revaluation process. Assessing personnel property owners' field cards will be pulled, as well as other random field cards, for DOR evaluation.
4. The cell tower is up to full height, and is ready for AT&T to hang their equipment. Other carriers are anticipated. In round numbers only, it should add \$200,000 to new growth, each additional carrier's equipment is anticipated to be valued at \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The next meeting was set for Thursday May 19, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

Assessors adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted, as approved on June 30, 2022,

**Leslie Bracebridge
Assessors' Clerk**

List of Documents used at the meeting:

1. April 28, 2022 meeting agenda.
2. March 24, 2022 draft meeting minutes.
3. March summaries to Accountant as detailed in minutes.