# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING - MAY 19, 2022

THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS MET AT THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN ROOM 205, 355 EAST CENTRAL STREET, FRANKLIN, MASSACHUSETTS ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022; MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:30 AM.

MEMBERS: CHRIS FEELEY, CHAIRMAN – present

DAN BALLINGER, CLERK – present KEN NORMAN, MEMBER – present

STAFF:

KEVIN W. DOYLE, DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING – present

SUSAN M. REAGAN, APPRAISER - present

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular minutes and Executive Session minutes of April 7, 2022 were approved, and the Executive Session minutes were voted to be released into the Public Record.

B. ADMINISTRATION: OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

#### C. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

- 1. Warrant for MV Commitments 3 of 2022 was approved by the Board.
- 2. April 2022 MV Abatement Summary Letter was approved and signed.

### D. PERSONAL PROPERTY

- 1. There were no April 2022 PP Abatements to report.
- 2. Having approval of both the Town Administrator and the Town Attorney, the Board signed the DOR-Verizon-Town of Franklin Agreement FY23 to FY 27.
- 3. Review & discussion on Spring Street Solar Amendment continued.

#### E. BOAT EXCISE

## F. REAL ESTATE

1. April 2022 RE Abatement Summary Letter was approved and signed.

Roll call vote to go into Executive Session under Purpose 7 to comply with, or act under authority of, any MA General Law (citing MGL Ch. 59, Sec. 60 as MA Statute requiring confidentiality) in regard to abatements and exemptions. At close of the Executive Session, the Board will reconvene the Open Session.

Feeley – yes Ballinger – yes Norman – yes

Exemption Applications for one MV, one RE and one PP were reviewed and voted; roll call votes were taken.

Roll call vote to come out of Executive Session and reconvene Open Session:

Feeley – yes Ballinger – yes Norman – yes

A full MV Tax Exemption was sought by a non-veteran applicant who does not meet the requirements of MGL. The Board voted unanimously to deny the request and to notify the applicant as such.

A full Tax Exemption was sought for both RE & PP by the Franklin Food Pantry for its newly acquired location of the former Edwin's Gift Shop. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request and to notify the applicant as such.

## G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. There was an Executive Session at this meeting on May 19, 2022.

Board adjourned, agreeing to meet again on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gevin W. Doyle, Director of Assessing

Board Approval:

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Feeley – yes Ballinger – yes Norman – yes

- 1. MV Excise Tax Exemption sought; staff sites non-veteran applicant does not meet the requirement of MGL. Ballinger moves to deny, Norman seconds. Roll call taken on application: Ballinger no, Norman no, and Feeley no.
- 2. RE & PP Tax Exemptions sought for the new site of the Franklin Food Pantry (former Edwin's Gift Shop). Ballinger moves to approve application, Norman seconds. Roll call taken: Ballinger yes, Norman yes, and Feeley yes.
- 3. RE Deferral for Thomas Pruvot; lienholder of equity loan refuses to subordinate to a Town Tax Deferral contrary to MGL. Ballinger moves to deny, Norman seconds. Roll call taken on application: Ballinger no, Norman no, and Feeley no.

Roll call vote to come out of Executive Session and reconvene Open Session:

Feeley – yes Ballinger – yes Norman – yes

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin W. Doyle, Director of Assessing

**Board Approval:** 

Release into the Public Record: