

**DUDLEY BOARD OF ASSESSORS
DUDLEY MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
71 WEST MAIN STREET, DUDLEY, MA 01571**

DATE: 2/10/2023

TO: ASSESSORS

CC: TOWN CLERK

FROM: LISA L. BERG, PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR

ROOM: 315, 8:00 A.M.

RE: MINUTES: ASSESSOR'S FEBRUARY 10, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 13, 2023. Assessor Allen seconded. Passed. Assessor Durgin did not vote as he did not have time to read the minutes.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the executive board meeting minutes from the January 13, 2023. Assessor Allen seconded. Passed. Assessor Durgin did not vote as he did not have time to read the minutes.

The Board signed various vouchers.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the motor vehicle abatements for the month of January in the amount of \$781.78. Assessor Durgin seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the boat excise abatements for the month of January for \$15.00. Assessor Durgin seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the revised assessment for Map 120, Lot 203 in the amount of \$3,101.85. The taxpayer questioned why they had a credit balance on their tax bill. After investigating, it appeared a building override was checked off which removed the entire house from the parcel. Assessor Durgin seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

The Board signed the annual tax maintenance contract for CAI Technologies for the calendar year 2023 annual mapping updates.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the levy 2023 motor vehicle re-commitment #15 in the amount of \$58.98. Assessor Durgin seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve a signature stamp of the Board members. Assessor Durgin seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

Ms. Berg informed the Board that the Town Administrator requested all departments cut their budgets 10%. This is in preparation should the Proposition 2 ½ Override not pass. Ms. Berg stated with the 10 % cut, there would no longer be access to property record cards on-line. There would be no line item for office expense and education. Without the education line item, Ms. Berg will no longer be able to earn continued educational credits for her designation and she would no longer be an Massachusetts Accredited Assessor. Once this designation is gone, she will not be allowed to assess properties. Once these line items are adjusted, the only other place to cut would be the Clerk's salary which would decrease her hours and cause the office hours for the public to be cut as well. She told the Board Debra LaPlaca, who is in charge of the Dudley Facebook page, would be notifying the public how they would be impacted

by the department's cuts. Ms. Szymczak suggested Ms. Berg send a letter to the newspaper also, letting the public know how these cuts will affect them.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to hold the next board meeting on March 10, 2023. Assessor Durgin Seconded. Chairman Allen stated he could not attend. Passed.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:18. Assessor Durgin seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

Chairman Allen made a motion to convene into Executive Session under M.G.L Chapter 30A § 21 (a)(7), to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirement: discussion of applications for tax abatement(s) and/or exemption (s), including any necessary votes pursuant to G.L. c. 59 § 60 and/or G.L. c. 214, § 1B (as applicable). Not to re-convene into regular session.

Roll Call:

Assessor Szymczak - Aye

Assessor Durgin – Aye

Chairman Allen - Aye

Lisa L. Berg, MAA

Principal Assessor