



## Town of Oak Bluffs Assessing Department

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# BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES

## February 13, 2020 5:30 PM

In the Conservation Commission Office  
Oak Bluffs Office Town Hall

### Board Members Present:

Melanie M. Bilodeau acting Chair  
Marie B. Allen

Board Members Absent: Jesse B. Law III, Chairman

### Staff Present:

MacGregor Anderson, Principal Assessor  
David Bailey, Consulting Assessor  
Malgosia Thompson, Administrative Assistant

### **Introduction of new Administrative Assistant**

Mr. Anderson introduced Malgosia Thompson who started February 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Board. He said she had already been a big help during the busy abatement period and that their focus would now switch to additional training and getting the potential residential exemption pre-qualification letters out, which was the top priority now.

### **Minutes Approval December 30, 2019**

The board voted 2-0 to approve the minutes.

### **Assessors General Update**

Mr. Anderson said that had received and reviewed nine real estate abatement applications and also had a Land Bank purchase that had to be abated by law. He said several of the abatement applications were complex and had required a good deal of staff time.

### **Vote to Declare Overlay Surplus of \$75,000 to be Available for Assessors Spring 2020 Town Meeting Appropriation Warrant Article**

Mr. Anderson explained that they had \$80,000 in exemptions so far and he expected an additional \$10,000. He said they were still on the docket at the ATB with potentially \$5,000 at risk.

Mr. Anderson said the FY20 overlay was \$112,000 so there would likely be a small surplus. He said the balance in the overlay beyond this was \$500,000.

Mr. Anderson recommended declaring a \$75,000 overlay surplus to be available for the April town meeting appropriation article. He said he expected this would be enough to fund the FY23 certification with the Department of Revenue over the next three years based on an estimate from Paul Kapinos, but noted he expected to put out an RFP for the three year consulting project.

The Board reviewed the warrant article and approved the declaration of surplus 2-0 and the warrant article 2-0.

**Motor Vehicle Excise Warrant and Commitment 2019-8**

The Board reviewed the warrant and commitment and signed them

**Motor Vehicle Excise Warrant and Commitment 2020-1**

The Board reviewed the warrant and commitment and signed them

**Motor Vehicle and Boat Abatements December 2019 and January 2020**

The Board reviewed the reports and signed them

**Roll Call Vote - Executive Session**

The Board will convene in executive session under Purpose 7 of the Open Meeting Law, “to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general law,” in order to meet the confidentiality requirements of M.G.L. c. 59, § 60 to discuss property tax abatements, exemptions and deferrals and any prior minutes related to those applications

Ms. Bilodeau read the executive session announcement. Marie Allen made a motion to go into executive session and Ms. Bilodeau seconded. They voted 2-0 to go into executive session, Bilodeau Aye, Allen Aye.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM