Sturbridge Board of Assessors

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021

**The list matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.**

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting law, G.L. c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Sturbridge Board of Assessor’s will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.  Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town’s website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>.  For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting either online via the Town’s on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access code.  (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings).  No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means.  In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post of the Town’s website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

**Present:** Ann Murphy (AM), Paul Murphy (PM), Sophia Lengyel-Rogers (SLR) and Moira McGrath(MM)

**Also Present:** Alex McConnon acting as Meeting Facilitator.

**Meeting called to order:**

PM called meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

**Minutes:**

Reviewed and approved meeting minutes from 3/23/2021 and amended executive meeting minutes from 3/23/2021.

**Reorganize the Board:** Paul Murphy was elected Chairman of the Board. Moira McGrath was elected Vice Chairman of the Board. The Principal Assessor will remain as secretary to the Board until further notice.

**Sign All Necessary Documents:**

Monthly Reports:

March MV Abatements

March Real Estate Exemptions

March Boat Excise Abatements

Rollback Tax Commitment & Warrant for 49 Bushnell Road

Schedule of Uncollectable Excise Tax

**Old Business:**

None

**Any other business before the Board:**

None

**Principal Assessor Update & New Business:**

The Board reviewed correspondence from Roy Bishop of Bishop and Associates in regards to the residential and commercial values based on a preliminary review of the 2020 sales. He will continue to work with the Principal Assessor in setting values based on Department of Revenue requirements. He will address the Board at a future meeting, possibly in May, to discuss his findings.

The Board reviewed correspondence from L& L Hospitality regarding the impact of Covid -19 to their revenue stream. The Board will share this information with Roy Bishop of Bishop & Associates.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Boiteau Jr. The Principal Assessor informed the Board that she called him twice and left a message both times regarding the process for filing a petition regarding the abatement denial.

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday May 18 at 4:00pm.

**Closed:** SLR made a motion to close the meeting at 4:36pm. MM 2nd, AIF. Meeting adjourned.