



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Assessors
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Minutes of BOA Meeting
January 21, 2020
6:30pm – Room 109 – Town Hall

Chairman Dennis M. Robson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

In attendance were Chairman Dennis M. Robson, Vice Chairman Dianne M. Molineaux, Member Charles E. Wehner Jr., Assessor/Appraiser Debra J. Krupczak, Junior Administrative Assistant Leslie Donovan and taking minutes Senior Administrative Assistant Chrissi MacPherson.

A motion was made by Chairman Dennis M. Robson to approve the December 17, 2019 BOA meeting minutes. The motion was 2nd by Member Charles E. Wehner, Jr. Voted 2-0. Chairman Robson signed.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Dianne M. Molineaux to approve the January 7, 2020 BOA meeting minutes. The motion was 2nd by Member Charles E. Wehner Jr. Voted 2-0. Vice Chairman Molineaux signed.

The Board approved and signed the monthly bill vouchers totaling \$4.00.

Business:

FY2020 Real Estate Exemption Approvals

A motion was made by Chairman Dennis M. Robson to approve (3) Clause 17D SR exemptions totaling \$525.00, (2) Clause 22 VETS exemptions totaling \$800.00, (1) Clause 41C SR exemption totaling \$1,000.00 and (1) CPA Surcharge Tax exemption totaling \$83.71. The motion was 2nd by Member Charles E. Wehner Jr. All in favor. Voted 3-0. Signed.

FY2020 Real Estate Abatement Approval

- A motion was made by Chairman Dennis M. Robson to approve one (1) Real Estate Abatement totaling \$376.25. The motion was 2nd by Member Charles E. Wehner Jr. All in favor. Signed.

2020-3 \$376.25

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BOA Potential Town Meeting Articles

Assessor/Appraiser Debra J. Krupczak recommended that the BOA consider the local option adoption of M.G L. Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 22G, inserted by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2019 known as an Act Relative to Veterans' Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation, and Enforcement (Brave Act) signed into law August 28, 2019 which provides for a property tax exemption for any real estate that is the domicile of a person, but is owned by a trustee, conservator or other fiduciary for the person's benefit if the real estate would be eligible for exemption under Clause 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E or 22F if the person were the owner of the real estate.

Chairman Dennis M. Robson made a motion to support an article before Town Meeting to accept local option Clause 22G. The motion was 2nd by Vice Chairman Dianne M. Molineaux. All in favor.

Veterans Agent Potential Town Meeting Articles

Veteran Agent Vincent Fontaine asked the BOA to consider for local adoption of M.G L. Chapter 59 Section 5, Clause 22H of The Brave Act which allows parents or surviving guardians of veterans, who died in service to the country, to receive a real estate credit on property beginning January 1, 2019. This refers to the home of record and must provide a DD214 and Casualty. Currently Clause 22H is not reimbursable by the state but hopefully the language will be changed at a future date so that the town will be reimbursed.

Chairman Dennis M. Robson made a motion to support an article before Town Meeting to locally accept The Brave Act Tax Clause 22H Exemption and if approved at Town Meeting to be funded from Overlay. The motion was 2nd by Vice-Chairman Dianne M. Molineaux. All in favor.


Veteran Agent Vincent Fontaine also asked the BOA to consider for local adoption The Veteran Tax Work Off Program – looking for five (5) Veterans a total of \$7,500. A \$1,500 property tax credit minus the required withholdings will be applied to the participant's real estate tax bill in the following fiscal year, not current year's property tax bill. Participants will work the required 125 hours 5 Veterans x 125 = 600 hours (\$12/HR).

Chairman Dennis M. Robson made a motion to support an article before Town Meeting to locally accept the Veterans' Work Off program if approved at Town Meeting and to be funded yearly up to \$7,500 through Overlay. The motion was 2nd by Vice-Chairman Dianne M. Molineaux. All in favor.

225 West Water Street Delinquent Taxes

Assessor/Appraiser Krupczak updated the BOA on the status of the former Estes property located at 225 West Water Street. She asked in the event there was a buyer in place for the abandoned property if the Board of Assessors would be willing to support a Chapter 58 Section 8 request for a tax abatement from the Department of Revenue. All Assessors indicated their support.

Dennis M. Robson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Member Charles E. Wehner, Jr. 2nd the motion. All in favor.


Dennis M. Robson – Chairman