



Board of Assessors, Regular Meeting Minutes

Date 1/26/26

Via Zoom

Call To Order: 3:03pm

Roll Call: Nance Wolk, Rebecca Neale

For the Town: Rick Ladd

Guests: Piper Pavelich

Regular Session:

1. Public Comment: None
2. Minutes: We have Minutes for November 7 and December 8, but Rebecca was not present for all of November 7; the Chair decided to wait until Nick was available to vote. Rebecca was not present for the December 8 meeting, so she cannot vote on those Minutes. Minutes were not available for the December 15 meeting, so no vote was taken.
3. Motion to approve the Motor vehicle excise tax abatements for December 18, 2025, December 31, 2025, and January 14, 2026, in the amount of \$4,913.89.
Motion: Rebecca; Second: Nance; Motion passed: 2-0-0
4. Motion to approve the 2025 Assessors Warrant to Collector Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Commitment 7, in the amount of \$13,479.01.
Motion: Nance, Second: Rebecca; Motion passed: 2-0-0
5. Motion to approve the 2026 Assessors Warrant to Collector Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Commitment 1, in the amount of \$2,157,512.87.
Motion: Nance, Second: Rebecca; Motion passed: 2-0-0
6. Assessor's update:
 - a. Rick will be attending an all-day Commercial tax seminar.
 - b. 17 Abatement applications currently pending, and the deadline is February 2, 2026.
 - c. A lot of residential new growth permitting have been pulled, mostly condominiums.
 - d. Rick is arranging for a date to go to the Council on Aging to educate folks about Personal Exemptions.
 - e. Rebecca added that the Personal Exemptions page on the Town's website states that an applicant needs less than \$72,000 in calendar year 2024, but it should reference the Senior Circuit Breaker and that there are different income limits based on household size.
7. Discussion of Veteran's Hero Act: This would increase the amount of the Personal Exemptions for Veterans by the Consumer Price Index. It must be passed at Town Meeting to be adopted by the town. The tax exemption comes out of the overlay account.



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8. Motion to recommend to the Select Board that they add the Hero's Act to the Warrant for Town Meeting and recommend approval of the Act.
Motion: Rebecca; Second: Nance; Motion passed: 2-0-0
9. Discussion of Senior Work Off Program: The Council on Aging is asking that we increase the amount of funds available for the Senior Work Off, from \$1,000 per household to \$1,500 or \$2,000. The state allows the town to go up to \$1,500 and some communities provide \$2,000.
10. Motion to recommend that the Select Board increase the Senior Tax Work Off amount to \$1,500 per household.
Motion: Nance; Second: Rebecca; Motion passed: 2-0-0
11. Next meeting dates could be February 24 at 3, February 25 at 4:30, or February 9 at 3.
Motion to adjourn to Executive Session not to return to Regular Session.
Motion: Rebecca; Second: Nance; Motion passed: 2-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Neale, Acting Clerk

Approved by Board:

Abatements Granted in Executive Session

Property	Property No.	Original Value	Abated Value
38 Gould Rd	019-0057	\$885,900	\$861,800
39 Concord Rd	053-0009	\$1,893,900	\$1,716,700
30-38 South Rd	054-0134	\$844,500	\$817,600