

**WESTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020
2:30 P.M. – 3:40 P.M.
REMOTE ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86784023133>
Meeting ID: 867-8402-3133
Phone: 1-929-205-6099**

Meeting of Board of Assessors at 2:30 P.M. Present were Assessors, Gary Koger, John Hennessey, Phyllis Kominz, Tamilyn Liesenfeld, Paul Zorfass and Principal Assessor, Eric Josephson.

Chairman, Gary Koger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Assessor, Ms. Kominz made a motion to approve the following minutes of the Board of Assessors:

March 3, 2020

Assessor, Mr. Hennessey seconded the motion. After discussion, the Board voted by roll call vote in favor of the motion 4-0. (Ms. Liesenfeld abstained from the vote).

The Board signed the following procedural documents:

Motor Vehicle Abatement Reports for the months of March, April and May 2020

Real Estate Abatement Report for the month of March 2020

Year 2020 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitment # 2

Year 2020 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitment # 3

The Board reviewed the first time new fiscal year 2020 personal exemption application filing by a widow of a Weston Fire Fighter who was deemed killed in the line of duty under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 42.

Assessor, Ms. Liesenfeld made a motion to approve the personal exemption of Katherine MacLeod who resides at 705 Boston Post Road. The motion was seconded by Assessor, Mr. Hennessey. After discussion, the Board voted by roll call vote in favor of the motion 5-0.

The Board and Mr. Josephson reviewed and discussed further Board action of the following Fiscal Year 2020 Real Estate Abatement Applications previously deemed denied:

- 12 Autumn Lane
- 319 Glen Road
- 5 Livermore Lane
- 7 Overlook Drive
- 23 Pine Summit Circle

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- 116 Rolling Lane
- 55 Scotch Pine Road

Mr. Josephson reminded the Board that prior to the Covid 19 pandemic the properties at 12 Autumn Road and 23 Pine Summit Circle were inspected by some of the Board members and the office staff on March 4th.

The Board has an additional three months from date when the fiscal year 2020 real estate applications were deemed denied in order to reconsider those applications and vote to abate the applications if this is the intention of the Board. Otherwise, the applications will remain deemed denied and the property owner would need to further appeal to the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board (ATB) within the three months period of their deemed denial date to protect their appeal rights. Mr. Josephson has notified all the property owners of their appeal rights and the date their appeal must be submitted to the ATB.

Assessor, Ms Kominz made a motion to approve the following fiscal year 2020 abatement application:

12 Autumn Road – as a result of the inspection of the property, reduce the building grade from 14 to 13 and make data corrections to the building. This will reduce the current assessed valuation of \$3,180,600 by an amount of \$238,300 to \$2,942,300.

The motion was seconded by Assessor, Ms. Kominz. After discussion, the Board voted by roll call vote in favor of the motion 5-0.

Assessor, Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the following fiscal year 2020 abatement application:

23 Pine Summit Circle – as a result of the inspection of the property, reduce the building grade from 13 to 12 and make data corrections to the building. This will reduce the current assessed valuation of \$2,920,600 by an amount of \$273,800 to \$2,646,800.

The motion was seconded by Assessor, Mr. Hennessey. After discussion, the Board voted by roll call vote in favor of the motion 4-1. (Assessor, Mr. Zorfass voted against the motion).

The Board and Mr. Josephson discussed the schedule for conducting inspections of new construction properties and those properties which were not completed the prior fiscal year. Mr. Josephson indicated the properties may have to be inspected on the exterior only as a result of the precautions of the Covid 19 pandemic.

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Assessor, Ms. Kominz made a motion to adjourn. Assessor, Mr. Hennessey seconded the motion. The Board voted by roll call vote in favor of the motion by a vote of 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 11:00 am

Respectfully;

Eric R. Josephson, MAA
Principal Assessor