

Town of Hingham



**Board of Assessors
Meeting Minutes**

February 11, 2022

11:00 AM

Central North Meeting Room

In Attendance: Board members Christine Roberts, Joshua Ross, Al Chambers. Assessor Erin Walsh and Assistant Assessor, Jacquie Berard

Meeting called to order at 11:06 AM.

The Board asked if there was any discussion/ questions from the public for items on the agenda. None

Assessor Ross motioned to approve the minutes from January 27, 2022. Assessor Chambers second. All in favor.

Board signed warrants and invoices.

Assessor Roberts motioned to enter into executive session at 11:13AM to review, discuss and vote on abatement applications and discuss the RFP received.

Abatements were granted for:

1193 Main Street

1B Beals Cove Road

12 Heron Way

10 Maryknoll Drive

5 Bare Cove Lane

721 Main Street

The Board reviewed the RFP proposal.

At 12:45 PM, the Board returned to the regular meeting.

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At that time, Town Administrator, Tom Mayo joined the meeting.

The Board reviewed the overlay balance and the potential liabilities through the end of the Fiscal Year. Discussion centered on the number of applicants for the Means tested exemption. Only \$21,201 was used last fiscal year, but it was in its first year. Assessor Chambers asked the Town Administrator how much he is requesting. Tom said that he was hoping for \$680,000 but didn't know how much the Board would need before now and the end of the Fiscal Year until Erin was able to estimate what was needed after reviewing the information. He emphasized that he knew the Board had a job to do and wanted to make sure the Board was comfortable in their decision and to make sure they give themselves a buffer. There was discussion on the new amount that the Board will receive in July, the start of the next fiscal year which will be approximately \$850,000. Based on a review of this information, Assessor Ross motioned to release the excess balance of the overlay account in the amount of \$620,000 under the provisions of MGL chapter 59, section 25. Assessor Roberts second, all in favor.

Discussion or questions from the public;

Assistant Town administrator Michelle Monsegur entered the meeting.

Mary Power, 1 King Phillip Path addressed the Board of Assessors regarding her experience with the Meals tax and how after a few years, we will better understand the Means tested amount necessary to fund the exemption.

Assessor Roberts motioned to set the next meeting for February 17th at 10:00 AM. Assessor Ross second.

Assessor Roberts moves to adjourn meeting. Assessor Ross second. All in favor
Meeting ended at 1:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Walsh, Director of Assessing