



**TOWN OF EASTHAM  
EASTHAM BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
Minutes of February 9, 2023 Meeting  
Small Meeting Room, Eastham Town Hall**

Present: Davis Hobbs, Joanna Buffington, Denise Kopasz, Wendy Walsh, Principal Assessor Colleen Mercurio, Field Appraiser Alexandra Peterson

This meeting was held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting.

Davis Hobbs called the Session of the Board of Assessors to order at 11:00 a.m.

Davis Hobbs made motion to approve regular minutes of January 5, 2022. Denise Kopasz seconded. Vote was unanimous. Denise Kopasz made a motion to approve the executive minutes of January 5, 2022. Joanna Buffington seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The director updated the Board on the issuance of the first motor vehicle commitment of 2023, as well as the last of 2022. The values are pretty similar to the previous years.

The director brought up the need to look for other solutions, as the Select Board decided that the Residential Exemption will not be implemented for Fiscal Year 2024. Ms. Mercurio discussed the senior means exemption, which can be done in addition to the standard senior exemption, except that it would be based on the Senior Circuit Breaker. This type of exemption would have to be put through the legislation and adopted by the town, with no reimbursement from the State. The Board was interested in finding out more details about the program.

Joanna Buffington mentioned the expanded residential exemption that Provincetown has in place, which could help the creation of more year round rentals. The director said she will reach out to the Provincetown Assessor to get more details. The ADU tax exemptions that Salem currently has were also discussed as potential solution to the year-round housing. The Board expressed that they would like to continue exploring different options to help those in need.

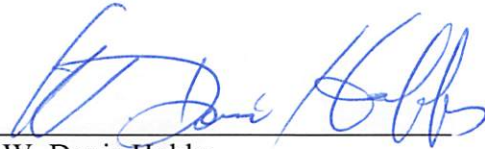
The director mentioned that the residential cyclical inspections performed by the PK group are done for this year, and they are switching to Business Personal Property inspections to capture the businesses that are open this time of the year, following up with the seasonal ones in May. Other updates were classes for the staff, as well as the upcoming senior exemption workshop on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Eastham Library.

Ms. Mercurio brought the Board up to date on an address meeting issue that was necessary due to many inconsistencies that could potentially delay emergency responders. She mentioned that more meetings regarding these issues will be needed in the future.

Joanna Buffington made a motion to convene in Executive Session at 11:47 a.m. to review and vote on statutory real estate exemptions per M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) (7), to comply with the applicable General laws, including G.L c. 59, § 60 and G.L c.214, § 1B and not to reconvene in open session. Denise Kopasz seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Alexandra Peterson, Field Appraiser

Approved on: 3/9/23  
Date

By:   
W. Davis Hobbs