



**TOWN OF EASTHAM
EASTHAM BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Minutes of April 6, 2023 Meeting
Small Meeting Room, Eastham Town Hall**

Present: Davis Hobbs, Joanna Buffington, 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 11:04 a.m.

The residential exemption and the expanded residential exemption were discussed. Davis Hobbs decided to defer the regular minutes of March 9, 2023 due to needed corrections.

Director's update:

- The real estate tax exemption deadline was April 3, 2023. The director attended one of the Council on Aging's AARP Tax-Aide Program in order to get more senior exemption applicants. Several people qualified with their income, but not with their assets.
- The second half of the real estate tax bills were issued, and the Assessing department had a few questions about the abatement process.
- A new process has been implemented in conjunction with the tax collector's office that will prevent taxpayers who are delinquent on their taxes from getting beach and transfer station stickers.
- An undersized lot discussion was postponed due to Board Member Denise Kopasz's absence, who had previously requested more information regarding the influence added to these lots.

Other business:

- Board members' terms were discussed. Joanna Buffington and Wendy Walsh agreed to swap seats. The director will follow up with the Town Clerk to clarify the process for searching for a new member, as well as switching seats.

David Hobbs made a motion to convene in Executive Session at 11:32 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. Joanna Buffington seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Alexandra Peterson, Field Appraiser

Approved on: 6/22/23

Date

By: 

W. Davis Hobbs