



APPROVED

TOWN OF LANCASTER BOARD OF ASSESSORS

MICHAEL BURKE SR, CHAIRMAN
DEBRA SANDERS, MEMBER
KRISTEN FOX, MEMBER

BOBBI-JO WILLIAMS
PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR, EXT 1312

ADAM QUIGLEY
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR, EXT 1084

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.

Nashaway Room, 2nd Floor, Prescott Building, 701 Main Street, Lancaster MA

Members in attendance: Mike Burke Sr - Chair, Debra Sanders – Member, Kristen Fox – Member

Also in attendance: Bobbi-Jo Williams – Principal Assessor

Chair, Mike Burke Sr called the meeting to Order at 4:33 P.M. in the Nashaway Meeting Room on the second floor in the Prescott Building, 701 Main St, Lancaster, MA.

Chair, Mike Burke Sr immediately made a motion to enter Executive Session, to reconvene back in open session, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss/vote Fiscal Year 2024 Real Property Tax Abatement & Exemption applications, Fiscal Year 2024 application for Property Tax Deferral, 2021 Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements and application to Modify a Decision on Classified Chapter Land; D. Sanders seconded the motion. Kristen Fox, Aye; Debra Sanders, Aye; Mike Burke Sr., Aye. Motion passed. [3-0-0]

Meeting reconvened in open session at 5:56 P.M.

K. Fox moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2024; D. Sanders seconded. Mike Burke Sr., Aye; Debra Sanders, Aye; Kristen Fox, Aye. [3-0-0]

B. Williams presented to the Board the request from Kalon Farms Inc to remove 4 acres from the 51 current acres classified, property location 339 Seven Bridge Rd. B. Williams informed the Board of Assessors that the Select Board voted to waive their right of first refusal at their meeting on March 18, 2024. Certificate of Penalty Tax for Roll-Back was prepared for a total due of \$1,938.43 which was accepted and signed by the Board of Assessors. Upon receipt of payment from the Collector of Taxes, a partial release will be issued to be recorded.

B. Williams presented the Board with follow up regarding the request from the Treasurer/Collector to abate uncollectible motor vehicle excise tax from calendar years 2002-2014. The RMV confirmed the non renew clear purge took place in late 2017 & January of 2018 and any non renew item that was more than 10 years old at the time was cleared. Kelley & Ryan was able to confirm that if the town abates entire years as uncollectible, they do not abate them on their end. The bills will still be collected and the funds would be turned over to the town. Those funds would go into a misc previously abated account. Based on the newly acquired information, K. Fox made a motion to abate the uncollectible motor vehicle excise as listed on the schedule of uncollectible excises from the Collector of Taxes, Marcia Sands, for calendar years 2002 through 2014; M. Burke Sr. seconded. Debra Sanders, Aye; Mike Burke Sr, Aye; Kristen Fox, Aye. [3-0-0]

Other Business – None

Chair Mike Burke Sr. offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 P.M., seconded by D. Sanders. Kristen Fox, Aye; Mike Burke Sr, Aye; Debra Sanders, Aye. [3-0-0]