

City of Greenfield  
Assessor's Meeting  
April 2, 2024

14 Court Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

9:31 AM

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chair Jim Geisman

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Chair Jim Geisman, Chief Assessor Randall Austin, Clerk Charles Green, Assessors' Clerk Devon Magoon

**MOTION:** On a motion by Chair Geisman, second by Chief Assessor Austin it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 MEETING MINUTES at 9:31 AM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Chair Geisman, second by Clerk Green it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT AT 9:32 AM.

Member of public Stephanie Duclos present at 9:32 AM.

Public comment by Stephanie Duclos at 9:32 AM. Duclos inquired into excise taxes and self-reporting vehicles with different state plates, the accuracy of members of the community self-reporting building permits, and inquired into an abutter's list she had submitted. Also inquired into notifying occupants of a building as opposed to owners in regards to abutter's lists.

Chief Assessor Austin addressed motor vehicle excise, commitments, garaging addresses, vehicle mailing addresses and the role the RMV plays in relation.

Stephanie Duclos inquired into property devaluation.

Chief Assessor Austin addressed valuation in relation to neighborhoods.

Clerk Green addressed cyclical reviews and outsourcing this task.

Stephanie Duclos noted valuation of property when in flood plain designation and how that affects valuation.

The board discussed communication between departments and FRCOG.

Chair Geisman addressed maintenance of maps and FRCOG's involvement as well as permit costs and DPW involvement with permits.

Chief Assessor Austin reports that the Assessor's Office has been busy.

Chair Geisman suggests a board meeting with RRG to discuss oversight and RRG's office activities.

Chief Assessor Austin reported that David Burgess carries out almost all inspections and that he recently created the new library in the Patriot software, that RRG conducts the ongoing cyclical review, and processes personal property and Forms of List.

Chief Assessor Austin suggested undergoing a full measure and list.

Chief Assessor Austin reported the new budget for the Assessor's Office will allow for hiring additional staff.

Chair Geisman discussed setting a date for an Assessor's Night.

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements accepted and approved in the amount of \$52.06 for Calendar Year 2022, \$391.66 for Calendar Year 2023, and \$4,686.68 for Calendar Year 2024.

Rollback Bills accepted and approved in the amount of \$75.74 for 454 Leyden Rd for FY 2024 and \$481.27 for 783 Lampblack Rd for FY 2024 at 10:12 AM.

Supplemental Bills accepted and approved in the amount of \$4,586.89 for FY2024 at 10:14 AM.

Clerk Green provided updates on the tipline and ongoing exemption adoption expansion efforts.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Chief Assessor Austin, second by Clerk Green, it was unanimously;  
**VOTED:** TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AT 10:20 AM.

Stephanie Duclos exited at 10:21 AM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Chair Geisman, second by Chief Assessor Austin it was unanimously;  
**VOTED:** TO OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:22 AM.

The Chair reserves the right to call an executive session as allowed under M.G.L. C.30A § 21(a)(7) To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements; to discuss FY24 abatements for various properties in the City of Greenfield

Board to discuss abatement applications in executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Clerk Green, second Chief Assessor Austin it was unanimously;  
**VOTED:** TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:14 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Chair Geisman, second by Chief Assessor Austin, it was unanimously;  
**VOTED:** TO ADJOURN AT 11:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Devon Magoon  
Assessors' Clerk  
Greenfield Assessors