



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Town of Lanesborough Assessor's Meeting
Submitted by Lisa Wellspeak, Assessor's Clerk
January 30, 2020 — 10:30 A.M.

The meeting was opened by Larry Stalvey at 10:35 a.m.

1. Present:

- Larry Stalvey
- Stephen Wentworth
- Jonathan Meczywor — Arrived late at 11:45

2. Approve Minutes from December 9, 2019

Motion made by Stephen Wentworth to approve the minutes from December 9, 2019,
Seconded by Larry Stalvey, motion carried 2-0

3. Old Business

- None

4. New Business

- Vote to approve Motor Vehicle Abatements as presented
Motion made by Stephen Wentworth, seconded by Larry Stalvey, motion carried 2-0.
- Vote to approve office bills as presented for payment
Motion made by Stephen Wentworth to approve office bills for payment, seconded by Larry Stalvey, motion carried 2-0
- Vote to approve/deny exemption as presented
Motion made by Stephen Wentworth to deny exemption, did not meet age requirement seconded by Larry Stalvey, motion carried 2-0
- Vote to approve Motor Vehicle Commitment 2019, #07 in the amount of \$1,214.37
Motion made by Stephen Wentworth to approve the Motor Vehicle Commitment, Seconded by Larry Stalvey, motion carried 2-0
- Review budget request for FY 2021
Kelli Robbins Town Manager discussed with the Board the proposed Assessors Consultant contract for FY 2021, 2022, 2023. It was also discussed of the possibility of hiring a principal Assessor for 10 hours a week in fiscal year 2021
- Possible abatement discussion
A brief discussion was had with James Fisher from Realty Advisors, hired by Durga Property Holdings, Inc. along with Barb Hassan to discuss the future of the Berkshire Mall. Wayne Peterson from Patriot Properties called in via phone to hear the discussion

Since Patriot assists in setting the valuation for the Berkshire Mall. Mr. James Fisher made the Board aware that the property has been vacant for more than 12 months. Mr. James Fisher also discussed seven other mall properties and presented comps showing trends that many malls are declining. The Board agreed to have Wayne Peterson from Patriot update the valuation for the mall. The Board of Assessors listened to a preliminary discussion regarding an abatement for the Berkshire Mall.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:45 p.m. made by Stephen Wentworth, seconded by Larry Stalvey. Motion carried 3-0.

LANESBOROUGH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

R. Laurence Stalvey

Stephen Wentworth

Jonathan L. Meczywor