

Swansea Board of Assessors

March 10, 2021

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Members Present:

Mr. Thomas Welch, Principal Assessor
Mr. Wayne Gray, Chairman
Mr. Timothy Cabral, Clerk

Members Absent:

Mr. Thomas Silvia, Vice Chairman

Meeting called to order at 5:04 P.M.

Roll call taken by Mr. Gray. Mr. Cabral – here, Mr. Gray – here

Appropriate Vouchers to be signed by BOA

All appropriate vouchers and documents were signed by the Board.

Minutes to be approved (regular & executive)

Timothy Cabral motioned to accept the regular minutes of February 3, 2021 as presented, seconded by Wayne Gray, and so voted by majority.

Timothy Cabral motioned to accept the executive session minutes of February 3, 2021 as presented, seconded by Wayne Gray, and so voted by majority.

Old Business

Abatements:

The abatements will be worked on in executive session.

Mapping Update:

Everything was sent over to the company for the mapping update. They should update the Assessors in a couple of weeks. New maps should be available for April.

Revaluation:

Sales field review was done for 2020. The preliminary analysis indicates the average increase is 10%.

New Business

Cyclical/ Permit Inspections:

The cyclical inspections have started. Permit Inspections will start in April. Once completed, the program will be up to date with DOR. There is about 750-1000 inspections to complete to be up to date with DOR. The Assessors Department will continue to keep up with the inspections. Mr. Welch will set up a program for keeping up with the inspections.

Other Business Not Anticipated

Swansea Ambulance is asking for an extension for the 3ABC Form until May of 2021.

Timothy Cabral motioned to grant Swansea Ambulance an extension on the 3ABC Form until May of 2021, seconded by Wayne Gray and so voted by majority.

The Selectmen approved the Assessors Budget. Mr. Gray asked if there is something scheduled to speak with A&F about the budget. Mr. Welch stated that there isn't yet and he doesn't know if it is needed.

The Water District is asking for a release on overlay. There is room to do that. Mr. Welch would like to be conservative with the amount to release. This will be voted on at another meeting. It needs to be done by the end of the Fiscal Year. The conservative amount would be around \$350,000 and the higher end would be around \$600,000. The Water District would have to designate where the money would go.

Wayne Gray asked for a motion and read.

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session to discuss abatements and exemptions per submitted list pursuant to G.L. c.30A Sec 21(a)(7) and G.L. c.59, Section 60 and to review ATB matters per submitted list pursuant to G.L. c.30A Sec 21(a)(3) since discussion in public would be detrimental to Town's Legal position.

Move to Executive Session at 5:30 P.M.

Timothy Cabral motioned, Wayne Gray second. The Board will not be returning to regular session. Motion passed by majority.

Roll call taken by Mr. Gray. Mr. Cabral - aye, Mr. Gray - aye

Respectfully Submitted,
Katelyn Marchand
Minutes Clerk

Documents Referenced:
Minutes of February 3rd, 2021 (regular and executive session)
Budget
Swansea Ambulance extension request