

# Town Of Sandwich

THE OLDEST TOWN ON CAPE COD

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT



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March 16, 2021

## SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors meeting is called to order at 4:34 p.m.

**PRESENT via Zoom:** Nick Fernandes, Chair; Larry Harrington, Vice Chair; Robert James, Member; Ben Styche, Assistant Assessor; Bill Jennings, Finance Director and Laura Watts, Recording Secretary

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### ***FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT REVIEW WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR BILL JENNINGS:***

Mr. Jennings updates the Board on current happenings in the Assessing Department. At this time Mr. Childs is out of the office and not available to work. Due to personnel and HIPAA rules and regulations he is prohibited from going into more details. He does tell the Board he is hoping to have more clarity on the situation by the end of the week. When he has more information to share with the Board he can either attend a future meeting or contact the Board members via email. Mr. James would like to be notified by email. Mr. Jennings explains that the rest of the staff is currently running the office and they are doing exemplary work under very trying circumstances. The Board has several questions, most of which cannot be answered at this time.

Mr. Jennings leaves the meeting,

### ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

Mr. James motions to approve the minutes from the meeting held 3/2/2021 as written. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

### ***PUBLIC FORUM: NONE***

### ***ASSESSING DEPARTMENT UPDATES:***

Mr. Styche says there are really no further updates. Mr. Jennings covered it all. He says the staff is doing a great job.

### ***SIGN SIGNATURE ITEMS:***

The Board will be into sign signature items over the next few days.

### ***EXECUTIVE SESSION:***

Mr. James motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. to comply with M.G.L. Ch. 30A § 21(a)(7) and M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions and to comply with M.G.L. Ch. 30A § 22(f) for the review, potential approval and potential release of Executive Session meeting minutes from 3/2/2021. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.



The Board reconvenes in Open Session at 4:50 p.m.

***NEW BUSINESS: NONE***

***OTHER MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED:***

Mr. James will most likely be out of State in April and will be unable to attend any scheduled meetings.

Mr. Styche says he will be reaching out to Mr. Fernandes regarding some valuation questions.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

Mr. James motions to adjourn. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourns at 4:52 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,  
Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary  
Cc: Town Clerk

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Mr. James motions to approve and release the Executive Session meeting minutes from the meeting held 3/2/2021 as written. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The following exemptions were reviewed and recommended for approval as they meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'21 real estate tax bills. (See Exemption Log dated 3/16/2021 Bill #211-6866)

Mr. James motions to approve the exemptions. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The following personal property and real estate abatements were reviewed and recommended for approval as they meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'21 real estate tax bills. (See Abatement Log dated 3/16/2021 Bill #100794-6149)

Mr. Harrington motions to approve the real estate and personal property abatements. Mr. James seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The following real estate abatements were reviewed and recommended for denial because they did not meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'21 real estate tax bills. (See Abatement Denial Log dated 3/16/2021 Bill #8330-100555)

Mr. James motions to deny the exemptions. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. James motions to return to open session at 4:50 p.m. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary  
Cc: Town Clerk

Supporting Documents:

1. Sandwich Assessing Abatement Log, Bill #100794-6149, dated March 16, 2021 (1 page)
2. Sandwich Assessing Exemption Log, Bill #211-6866, dated March 16, 2021 (1 page)
3. Sandwich Assessing Abatement Denial Log, Bill #8330-100555, dated March 16, 2021 (1 page)