

# Town Of Sandwich

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## SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors meeting is called to order at 4:35 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Larry Harrington, Chair, Robert James, Vice-Chair, Nick Fernandes, Member, Ed Childs, Director of Assessing and Laura Watts, Recording Secretary

Mr. James motions to approve the open session and executive session minutes from 4/23/19 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. The vote is unanimous.

**PUBLIC FORUM: NONE**

**REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCES/NEWSLETTERS: NONE**

**DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING REPORT:**

Mr. Childs asks the Board to sign the PK contract which would be effective for FY'19-FY'21. The FY'19 pricing was agreed on prior to the contact and PK has honored that amount. Mr. Child's was pleased to see only a \$500 increase for FY'20 and FY'21. This software program is a significant improvement over Data National.

**Mr. James motions to approve the Pk Valuation Software Contract dated May 3, 2019. Mr. Fernandes seconds. The vote is unanimous.**

**REVIEW & SIGN ANY SIGNATURE ITEMS:**

- Month Ends – April 2019

**REVIEW ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS:**

Mr. James motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. under M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Harrington, Mr. James and Mr. Fernandes approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board reconvenes in Open Session at 5:14 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

The meeting adjourns at 5:015 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura C. Watts, Recording Secretary  
Cc: Town Clerk



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## EXECUTIVE SESSION SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mr. James motions to enter into Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. under M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 60 for the purpose of discussing abatements and exemptions. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Harrington, Mr. James and Mr. Fernandes approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

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The following exemption was reviewed and deemed denied as it did not meet all the criteria for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on FY'19 real estate tax bills. (See Exemption Log dated 5/7/2019 Bill #6881)


**Mr. James motions to deem the exemption denied. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Harrington, Mr. James and Mr. Fernandes 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'19 real estate tax bills. (See Exemption Log dated 5/7/2019 Bill #2826-1916)

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

Mr. Childs fills the Board in on a meeting he and Mr. James had with the local director and executive director of the South Shore YMCA. They sat down with them to discuss PILOT options. Mr. James, who lives near the properties, brought up a fire that ignited awhile back and used a significant amount of fire and police resources. Although the organization does not have the funding to make monetary PILOT payments, they are willing to look at what they are providing the Town to see if they can organize it better. This could either be through programs and/or scholarships offered to Sandwich residents only. Mr. James would like to somehow give credit to the organizations that contribute to the PILOT program, maybe through a press release. The other Board members are in agreement. Mr. Childs suggests putting the information on the Town's website. He says the Town cannot specifically endorse any particular group. Mr. James says there may be things the Board can do that Mr. Childs and his office are prohibited from doing. Additionally, Mr. James had the opportunity to meet with the new Director of Heritage Museums & Gardens at a recent Board of Selectmen meeting. After this meeting, Mr. Childs received a call and they are willing to sit down to discuss PILOT options. Mr. James would be interested in seeing police and fire logs to see how much activity occurs on Heritage's property.

Mr. James motions to return to open session at 5:14 p.m. to discuss New Business. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. James and Mr. Harrington approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

  
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