

Town Of Sandwich

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JUNE 22, 2021

SANDWICH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Nicholas Fernandes, Chair; Lawrence Harrington, Vice Chair; Robert James, Member; Ben Styche, Assistant Assessor and Jeanne Varney, Recording Secretary, William Jennings, Town Treasurer/Tax Collector.

Mr. James calls for a moment of silence for Edward L. Childs.

Mr. Harrington motions to approve the minutes from the meeting held 06/01/2021 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. James abstains.

PUBLIC FORUM: NONE.

DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING REPORT: Mr. Jennings spoke with the board regarding the passing of Edward L. Childs, Director of Assessing. Mr. Childs passed away on June 17, 2021. Mrs. Childs spoke with Bud Dunham and stated that the family is working on an obituary and a tentative date for a mass is on July 17, 2021. Mr. Childs had been battling liver cancer for a year. Mr. Jennings told the board that the Assessing staff has done a fantastic job for the past several months for which the Town is extremely grateful. It has been tough for all. There will be no public announcement of any replacement for the Director of Assessing position until the service. There will be no formal announcement through Bud Dunham until next week. The town has a process in order to find a permanent position. We are hoping sooner rather than later. Mr. Childs had 33 plus years of assessing knowledge and experience. Mr. Jennings conveyed his condolences to the Board of Assessors. This is a loss for everybody. Mr. Lawrence asked if a board member could be involved with the interview process. Mr. Jennings will discuss with Bud Dunham. Sometime next week an acting department head will be announced, as we are closing the fiscal year and forms/documents need to be signed for the DOR. Ben Styche and Ed Childs have worked together to prepare for this day. Ben Styche prepared the preliminary tax commitment by himself and the staff have worked together to get the work done. Last fall, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Childs and Mr. Styche met to put a plan in place to get Mr. Styche ready for this preliminary tax season. Mr. Childs had a great deal of institutional knowledge. Mr. Jennings will contact the board of the services for Mr. Childs.

REVIEW & SIGN ANY SIGNATURE ITEMS:

- FY22 Preliminary tax bills:
- Real Estate \$30,866,607.06
- SWD \$956,873.26



- NSAG \$40,005.60
- CPA \$617,334.02
- WIIF \$617,334.02
- Personal Property \$2,545,402.90
- PP SWD \$111,348.82
- PP NSAG \$222.60
- Month end reports for May.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. James motions to enter into Executive Session at 5:11 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 06/01/2021. 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 5:34 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Re-organization of the board.

Lawrence Harrington – Chairperson Mr. Fernandes motions; Mr. James seconds. 2-0
1 Abstain.

Robert James – Vice Chairperson Mr. Fernandes motions; Mr. Harrington seconds. 2-0
1 Abstain.

Nicholas Fernandes – Secretary Mr. Harrington motions; Mr. James seconds. 2-0
1 Abstain.

OTHER MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED:

Mr. James motions to adjourn. Mr. Harrington seconds. The vote is unanimous.

The meeting adjourns at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Varney, Recording Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk

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Mr. Harrington motions to approve and release the Executive Session minutes from 06/01/2021 as written. Mr. Fernandes seconds. Mr. Harrington approves the motion by roll call vote. Mr. James abstains.

Exemptions and deferrals were discussed.

Mr. James motions to approve Cl. 18 & deferral for FY21 real estate tax bill #2703, Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. James, Mr. Harrington and Mr. Fernandes approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. James motions to return to open session at 5:34 p.m. Mr. Harrington seconds. Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Harrington and Mr. James approve the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Varney, Recording Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk

