Board of Assessors March 25, 2021

Members Present: Rosemary Stewart, Chairperson (via zoom); Relf Fogg; Kenneth Paul and Cynthia Bickford, Assessing Technician.

Mr. Fogg called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Jim Miller ran the video and the Zoom meeting.

Appointments - None.

<u>Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment</u> – Reorganization. Mrs. Stewart moved to nominate Relf Fogg to serve as Chairperson and Kenneth Paul to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 (with Mr. Fogg abstaining).

New Business - None.

Old Business - None.

<u>Correspondence</u> – (a) Request for Waiver of Interest – Map 153, Lot 2. Ms. Bickford had provided the backup information including a parcel history report and the request which had been sent to the Board via email. Ms. Bickford noted the tax payer(s) have owned the property since 2006. Two tax bills were mailed to two separate address, both bills were returned to sender. As indicated in the past the Tax Collector offers duplicate bills, emailed tax bills and the Tax Kiosk is available on the Town's website.

Ms. Bickford indicated there appears to be an issue with the USPS. The taxpayers stated they did not receive their mail for 45 days and according to the local post office there was nothing the USPS could do.

Mr. Paul moved to deny the request for the waiver of interest. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

(b) Request for Waiver of Interest – Map 108, Lot 29. The Board reviewed the emailed request to waive the interest for Map 108, Lot 29. Ms. Bickford had spoken to Ms. Fonseca who indicated the address where the tax bill was sent was a valid address. Ms. Bickford verified the tax bill was not returned to the collector's office.

Mr. Fogg moved to deny the request for the waiver of interest. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

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Administrative Matters - (a) Intent to Cut – Map 117, Lot 13. Ms. Bickford indicated there was a complaint issued regarding a timber harvest. Rick Evans, NH Department of Revenue went to the site and determined an Intent would be required. The timber has been harvested at this time. Mr. Paul moved to approve the Intent to Cut. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

This item was not on the agenda. An Intent to Cut was received after hours on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 via email. Ms. Bickford verified the information was accurate and taxes have been paid prior to the meeting and asked the Board if they would like to process the intent today or postpone and post for a later time. Mr. Fogg moved to approve the Intent to Cut for Map 164, Lot 1. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

(b) Timber Tax Warrant – None.

(c) Tax Credits and Exemptions. The Board reviewed a Solar Exemption for Map 73, Lot 4 in the amount of \$12,800. Mr. Paul moved to approve the exemption. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed the following Veterans Tax Credits: Map 197, Lot 27; Map 45, Lot 100; and Map 108, Lot 34. Mr. Paul moved to approve the previously mentioned tax credits. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Elderly Exemptions. The following exemptions are existing elderly exemptions, the applicants are required to file annually to verify income and asset information. Map 184, Lot 8; Map 244, Lot 41; Map 197, Lot 5; Map 184, Lot 34 and Map 78, Lot 15. Mr. Fogg moved to approve the elderly exemptions as presented. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed a new Elderly Exemption for Map 201, Lot 47. Mr. Paul moved to approve the exemption. Mrs. Stewart seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Ms. Bickford is working on the 2023 recertification and mailing letters to both current use landowners and tax credit and exemption recipients. A requalification letter has been sent to the owner of Map 197, Lot 4, for a tax credit and both letters have been returned twice using both a post office box and the physical address. Mr. Fogg would like to revisit this item next month. The Board by consensus tabled this item to the next meeting.

(d) Abatement Application(s) - None.

(e) Board Minutes – February 25, 2021. Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the February 25, 2021 as written. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

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(f) Next Meeting Date. Ms. Bickford informed the Board she would be unable to attend the meeting scheduled for April 29, 2021. The Board agreed to reschedule the April 29, 2021. The meeting will be held the following week on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment – None.

Non-Public Session: - None.

<u>Adjournment</u> – There being no further business, Mr. Paul moved to adjourn at 8:29 a.m. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Bickford

Assessing Technician

Approval of Minutes:

Rosemary Stewart, Chairperson

Relf Fogg

Kenneth Paul