

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Lenox

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ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES January 27,2022 at 11:00 A.M. Town Hall 6 Walker St. Lenox, MA 01240

Present: Tom Romeo, Chair

Wayne Lemanski, Board Member Jaimy Messana, Board Member, excused Marybeth Mitts, Chair of Selectboard Lisa Wellspeak, Assessor's Clerk

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Tom at 11:00 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment Marybeth Mitts, Chair of the Selectboard commented on the recent article in the Berkshire Eagle dated January 27, 2022, regarding rising property values and the impact it has on seniors living on fixed incomes. Marybeth would like information on the residential exemption and the impact it would have for taxpayers.
- 3. There were no motor vehicle abatements to present.
- 4. Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Tom to deny one senior application as they did not qualify for the exemption. Motion carried 2-0.
- 5. Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Tom to approve the minutes from 12-30-2021. Motion carried 2-0.
- 6. Motion made by Wayne to approve the Motor Vehicle Year 2021 #6 Commitment in the amount of \$3,978.11 and Year 2022 #1 Motor Vehicle Commitment in the amount of \$606,297.31, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.
- 7. There are a total of seven abatement applications that have been received to date. The deadline for filing an abatement application is February 1, 2022. Lisa will make copies of all abatements for the board before their next Board meeting.
- 8. Mike Feder from the Finance Committee had come to the Board of Assessors meeting on 12/30/21 proposing to send out a letter to taxpayers explaining the assessment process. The Board was opposed at sending out the letter at this time.
- 9. Wayne made the motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. seconded by Tom. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Wells	peak, Assessor's Cler	k)	And the second second
Date Approved: 2 - 28 - 2022	Chair: W	lew	Tom Romeo