

Middlefield Board of Assessors Meeting

February 27, 2016

Open Meeting

Board members present:

Gita Jozsef, Chair

Laura Lafreniere, Clerk

Ann Marie Visconti, Secretary

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 10 am.

Reviewed the minutes from 1/23/16. Ann Marie made a motion to accept the minutes. Laura seconded. All voted in favor.

Reviewed e-mail/mail.

Discussed re-certification workshop sponsored by DOR on 3/16/16 and a Spring seminar on Personal Property Form of List review, state codes on 3/30/16. Gita and Laura will attend the workshops.

Gita informed the Board that she emailed and called appraisal contractors from the list compiled by DOR with request for proposals to assist the Board with the FY 2017 Triennial Recertification. Received a contract proposal from Mayflower Valuations, Ltd. The BOA reviewed the proposal and voted unanimously to accept it.

Reviewed balances in the overlay account. Gita made a motion to release \$6,600 from the overlay account to fund the appraisal contract. Laura seconded. All voted in favor.

Recapped the 2/19 work meeting with DOR field supervisor and Duane Adams from Mayflower Valuations, Ltd. The field supervisor laid out the work plan and guidelines for the upcoming FY 2017 Triennial Recertification.

Reviewed the proposed FY 2017 budget. Gita made a motion to accept the budget. Laura seconded. All voted in favor.

Reviewed Municipal Modernization Act bills that were put forward by MAAO and DOR to make changes to how state land is assessed and conversion of overlay rules from multiple years to single overlay account. They also modify the recertification process from every three years to five years. The bills would save town and state monies since the new state land formula will reduce complication of extensive re-certification process. Towns/Cities are still required to do annual interim certification adjustments. The bills were endorsed by Governor Charles Baker.

Gita made a motion to close the meeting. Laura seconded. All voted in favor.

BOA Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Visconti