

**Town of Concord
Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2021**

Present: Tom Matthews, Chair, Brendan Kemeza and Mera Tilley
Staff: Lane Partridge, Town Assessor, Carolyn Dee, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Others: Kathy Cuocolo and Susan Bates

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M.

Mr. Matthews read the Zoom Conference statement provided to all Concord Boards and Committees for a zoom meeting.

“In accordance with Governor Baker’s executive order permitting virtual meetings during the COVID pandemic, the Board of Assessors is conducting this meeting today, June 10, 2021 at 4:04 P.M. Eastern Time on the Zoom platform and in accordance with the Town’s Policy Directive and Guidelines issued on April 1, 2020 and amended on May 7, 2020. I ask that all board members, town staff, and presenters activate their video and mute their microphone unless they have something to say or are participating in committee dialogue. This meeting is being recorded and will be available for later viewing on the Town’s website. All committee votes will be taken via roll call. We will start with an attendance roll call. I will announce your name, please reply. For members of the public, please unmute yourself when I’ve opened the meeting to public comment.”

Mr. Matthews took the attendance:

Mr. Matthews - Aye
Mr. Kemeza - Aye
Ms. Tilley - Aye
Ms. Dee - Aye
Mr. Partridge - Aye

MINUTES

May 13, 2021 – Regular Session

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Kemeza and seconded by Ms. Tilley it was **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the regular session meeting of May 13, 2021.

Mr. Matthews – Aye
Ms. Tilley - Aye
Mr. Kemeza - Aye

MOTOR VEHICLE END OF MONTH REPORT

Mr. Partridge presented the End of Month Report for Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatements for **May 2021** with the following amounts:

2020 - \$ 290.93
2021 - \$6,179.95

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Kemeza seconded by Ms. Tilley it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to **APPROVE** the motor vehicle excise tax abatements for **2020 & 2021** as designated in the End of the Month Report for **May 2021** and as listed above.

Mr. Matthews - Aye
Ms. Tilley - Aye
Mr. Kemeza - Aye

TITLE V BETTERMENT LOANS

It was requested by, Collen Rhinhart, Treasury Assistant, to approve a Title V Betterment Loan for the following properties in the following amounts:

24 Orchard Rd. - \$19,825.00
28 Sorrel Rd. - \$26,000.00
51 Sorrel Rd. - \$23,951.21

“In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 80, Section 4, the Town of Concord, acting by its Board of Health, transmits the betterment for the cost of repairs to a failed septic system to the Board of Assessors for their commitment to the Town Collector.”

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Kemeza seconded by Ms. Tilley it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to **APPROVE** the Title V Betterment Loan for 24 Orchard Rd. in the amount of \$19,825.00.

Mr. Matthews - Aye
Ms. Tilley - Aye
Mr. Kemeza - Aye

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Kemeza seconded by Ms. Tilley it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to **APPROVE** the Title V Betterment Loan for 28 Sorrel Rd. in the amount of \$26,000.00.

Mr. Matthews - Aye
Ms. Tilley - Aye
Mr. Kemeza - Aye

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Kemeza seconded by Ms. Tilley it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to **APPROVE** the Title V Betterment Loan for 51 Sorrel Rd. in the amount of \$23,951.21.

Mr. Matthews - Aye
Ms. Tilley - Aye
Mr. Kemeza - Aye

REAL ESTATE WARRANT

Mr. Partridge presented the Real Estate Warrants for the Preliminary Tax Bills for Fiscal Year 2022 with the following amounts:

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| Real Estate Tax - | \$50,034,769.49 |
| Community Preservation Act Surcharge - | \$ 684,440.06 |
| Personal Property Tax - | \$ 377,259.92 |

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Kemeza and seconded by Ms. Tilley it was **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the Real Estate Tax Warrant as noted above and presented by staff.

Mr. Matthews – Aye
Ms. Tilley – Aye
Mr. Kemeza - Aye

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Kemeza and seconded by Ms. Tilley it was **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the Community Preservation Act Tax Warrant as noted above and presented by staff.

Mr. Matthews – Aye
Ms. Tilley – Aye
Mr. Kemeza - Aye

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Kemeza and seconded by Ms. Tilley it was **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the Personal Property Tax Warrant as noted above and presented by staff.

Mr. Matthews – Aye
Ms. Tilley – Aye
Mr. Kemeza - Aye

Mr. Partridge stated that Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2021 was around \$99,000,000 and the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2022 is projected to be around \$100,000,000.

TOWN ASSESSOR

Mr. Partridge stated that the Preliminary Tax Amounts have been calculated as well as the update of new owners in preparation for the mailing of the First Quarter Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Bill. We are presently looking at property values for Fiscal Year 2022 and will most likely be done by August 2021.

He stated that because the Governor's Emergency Order on Open Meetings expires on June 15, 2021, this may be our last Board Meeting on the Zoom Platform. The Mass Municipal Association is currently petitioning the Legislature to allow Zoom Meetings to continue as they have proven to be very effective for all committees. If we do have to resume our meetings in person there is a severe lack of meeting space in Concord as the Town House is currently under renovation and we do not believe the Council on Aging will allow outside meetings to be held due to the vulnerable clientele they serve. The summer months are usually not busy for our office so this will allow us to postpone planning our next meeting until we hear about the outcome of the petition to the Governor and the Legislature.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Matthews stated that we need another Board Member as Mr. Herring has resigned. If any of the Board Members knows of someone who might be interested in joining the Board please give their name to him and he will contact them.

ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** made by Mr, Kemeza seconded by Ms. Tilley, it was **APPROVED** by roll call vote:

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| Mr. Matthews - | Aye |
| Ms. Tilley - | Aye |
| Mr. Kemeza - | Aye |

to **ADJOURN** the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn H. Dee
Sr. Administrative Assistant