

Minutes 31 May 2019

Town of Groton
Board of Assessors

Called to order 12:05PM

Attendees:

Donald Black
Garrett Boles
Jenifer Evans
Megan Foster
Jonathan Greeno

Old Business

Ongoing discussion on valuations. Garrett requested new Warren report with latest assessed values.

******What is the difference between assessed and appraised? Possibly due to manual overrides. Jenifer will cull and send list of differences to Megan.

New Business

Motion: We retain the current officers. Boles chair. Approved.

******Discussion on boat excise taxes. They are no longer required by the state for boats valued for <\$1000, which corresponds to bills <\$10. Groton has 852 cases. The board signed off on all unpaid boat excise taxes <\$10 as "abated". Jonathan will notify boat owners who did pay for a boat in that category that they can file for an abatement. Jonathan and Megan will discuss the best way to accomplish this, and will finalize at the next meeting.

Property Discussion

31 Court Street. Assessed \$650,000. Owners opinion \$522,000 which matches Willowdale sale. Purchased fall of 2016 for \$730,000. Used override of EYB to drive assessment down from \$650,000 to \$597,700. Board approved abatement at \$597,700. Discussion of properties on Willowdale and Court. Both two families, but notably different size and useable space. Discussion of condo conversion. Do not believe lack of filing decreased the value by \$200,000. Papers exist and current owner could file and complete conversion for little cost.

****Motion: Move we meet close to the middle to avoid ATB. Jonathan should offer \$565,000. Approved 2-1 (Boles, Black for, Evans opposed.)**

Signed

Exemption: Veteran (1)

Real estate abatements from Mar 2019: \$1253.58

Motor vehicle excise abatements (April): \$7964.29

Motor vehicle excise abatements (May): \$5295.01

Abatement report boats (April): \$8.00

Abatement report boats (May): \$15.00

Personal property abatement (Feb): \$237.60

Motor vehicle commitments 2/25/19: \$11,263.54

Vision Means & Lists (April): \$8,492.13

Vision Means & Lists (May): \$7,098.94

Vision GIS for 7/2019 – 6/2020: \$556.00

Abatement for Groton Woods. Finalized. Gifted to town. Board had been waiting for deeds to be officially transferred.

Next meeting: 17 May.

Adjourned 1:50.

Jenifer Evans

** Action item

Formal motion