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Board of Assessors  
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**TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EMERGENCY  
ORDER OF GOVERNOR BAKER ISSUED ON MARCH 12, 2020  
REGARDING THE OPEN MEETING LAW**

***MONDAY, February 1, 2021 MEETING***

1. At 4:45 p.m. Chairperson Matoian (“Chair”) opened the Town of Mansfield, MA Board of Assessors (“BOA”) meeting.
2. The Chair conducted a Roll Call that revealed that the following people were in attendance via GoToWebinar:
  - Greg Matoian, Chair
  - Dana J. St. James, Clerk
  - Andrew S. Bank, Member BOA
  - Daniel C. Brogie (non-voting, Chief Assessor)
  - Nancy Griffin (non-voting, IT support)
  - Steven Schoonveld, Select Board Member (non-voting, guest)
  - The meeting was broadcast live on Mansfield Local Cable Access (Comcast Channel: 15 and Verizon Channel 27)

Prior to the meeting, the Chief Assessor sent each BOA member copies of the agenda and all documents to be discussed during the meeting. All members of the BOA confirmed that they had reviewed the documents prior to the meeting.

3. The BOA accepted the minutes of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by unanimous roll call vote.
4. The BOA reviewed and approved the Weekly Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements by unanimous roll call vote.
5. The BOA reviewed and approved the Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Warrant for Commitment #7 by unanimous roll call vote.

6. The BOA reviewed and approved the Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Warrant for Commitment #1 by unanimous roll call vote.
7. The Chair confirmed that there was no business not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to the meeting.
8. Steve Schoonveld was given the floor and noted that he is the Select Board's liaison to the BOA and would convey any requests for assistance the BOA may need to the Select Board and can arrange for the BOA to meet with the Select Board if the BOA ever have a need to do so. Mr. Schoonveld then discussed the town's Split Tax Rate and expressed his fears that Mansfield is on a path towards the maximum allowed Split Tax Rate making it harder to attract new business. He is concerned such a rate would diminish economic development leading to a loss of taxable business property resulting in a greater burden on Mansfield taxpayers. He suggested more cooperation between the BOA and the Mansfield Finance Committee ("FinCom") in identifying the kind of "high value" business that Mansfield should target to recruit for future tax revenue growth. The Chair stated the BOA's willingness to share data with the FinCom to assist in its planning. Mr. Schoonveld will follow up with Dan Brogie and Barry LaCasse to facilitate future cooperation.
9. The Chair made a motion to go into Executive Session called under G.G.c.30A s21(s)(7) to comply with G.L.c. 59 section 60 to review and discuss and consider for approval FY 2021 real estate abatements for:
  - #1 Columbine Road;
  - #3 111 Winter Street;
  - #8 631 East Street, Until L-102;
  - #9 708-710 North Main Street;
  - #10 94 Park Street; and
  - #23 265 Fruit Street Unit P2.

Said motion was unanimously passed by unanimous roll call vote.

10. The open meeting adjourned at 5.02 p.m. and the BOA entered into Executive Session until 5:47 p.m.

  
Dana J. St. James

2/25/21  
Date