

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Monday, January 22, 2024
TIME: 6:00p

TOWN BUILDING / REMOTE ACCESS
41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA 01778

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

- 6:10 pm Meeting Called to Order; Roll Call by Vice Chair Philip Parks;
Philip Parks, Stephen Klitgord, Massimo Taurisano
- 6:10 pm Public Comment: None.
- 6:11 pm Review Minutes:
Wednesday, December 20, 2023; 12:30p; Open Session; Vote to Accept.
Request for Motion by Philip Parks
Motion to Accept by Steven Klitgord, Seconded by Massimo Taurisano
Roll Call Motion by Philip Parks
Steven Klitgord, Massimo Taurisano, Philip Parks; Unanimous.
- 6:12 pm Correspondence and Documents: Board of Assessors (BoA) Review and/or Signatures:
- CY 2024 FY 2025 Circuit Breaker Program**
- Governor Healey Signs First Tax Cuts in More Than 20 Years.
"Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit – doubles credit, indexed to inflation, which equates to an increase from \$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00".
- The Town of Wayland currently matches State Income Tax Circuit Breaker Credit (\$1,200.00). In discussions with Julie Secord [Council on Aging (COA) Director], Brian Keveny (Director of Finance), and Assessor's Office staff, at this time, we believe modifications to the Town of Wayland's existing program are not necessary.
- Request for Motion by Philip Parks to acknowledge changes to the State Circuit Breaker Exemption Program and agree to take no action at this time to modify the Town of Wayland Circuit Breaker Program. (The Town of Wayland will continue to match State Income Tax Circuit Breaker Credit).
- Motion to Accept by Massimo Taurisano, Seconded by Stephen Klitgord
Roll Call Motion by Philip Parks
Massimo Taurisano, Stephen Klitgord, Philip Parks; Unanimous.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES (CONTINUED)

6:15 pm

Correspondence and Documents: Board of Assessors (BoA) Review and/or Signatures (Continued):

CY 2024 FY 2025 Senior Tax Work Off (STWO) Program

Bureau of Municipal Finance Law Informational Guideline Release
(IGR) No. 23-10 November 2023; Section GUIDELINES: LOCAL ACCEPTANCE;
Maximum Abatement and Hourly Rate.

“The maximum abatement volunteers may earn for a fiscal year is
\$2,000.00 for seniors and \$1,500 for veterans”; Effective CY 2024 / FY 2025.

At the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, the Town of Wayland passed by
majority, “allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to
be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year, rather
than \$1,500”; (at that time, the maximum abatement amount).

The FY 2024 maximum abatement amount is \$1,875.00 [125 hours x \$15.00/hr
(minimum wage)].

In discussions with Julie Secord (COA Director), Brian Keveny (Director of Finance),
and Assessor’s Office staff, at this time, we believe modifications to the Town of
Wayland’s existing program are not necessary.

Request for Motion by Philip Parks to acknowledge changes to the DLS Senior
Citizen and Veteran Tax Work-Off program per IGR No. 23-10 and agree to take no
action at this time to modify the Town of Wayland Senior Tax Work Off Program.
(The Town of Wayland will continue to allow maximum of 125 hours at minimum
wage in lieu of new guidelines).

Motion to Accept by Stephen Klitgord, Seconded by Massimo Taurisano

Roll Call Motion by Philip Parks

Stephen Klitgord, Massimo Taurisano, Philip Parks; Unanimous.

6:17 pm

Director’s Review and Update of Office Activities:

R. Leroux introduced Stephen Foley to the Board. Stephen is the new Administrative Assessor.
The Board welcomed Stephen to our Team.

R. Leroux stated that STWO Participant; Kay Gardner-Westcott, has returned in CY 2024, to
continue the project of “Preservation/Protection by Digitizing Contents” of
Historical Assessor Ledgers; writing metadata prior to “free” scanning / digitizing by
the Boston Public Library.

R. Leroux shared FY 2023 VISION Roll-over to FY 2024 has been completed.
This also includes GIS and Website data / links.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES (CONTINUED)

- 6:19 pm Director's Review and Update of Office Activities (Continued):
- FY 2024 RE & PP Abatement Applications due Thursday February 1, 2024; 4:00p.
R. Leroux stated the Office has received many phone calls, emails and counter visits.
As of this agenda posting, the Office has received 12 Real Estate Abatement applications.
- FY 2024 Form of Lists, Income & Expense, and 3ABC (Charitable) Applications are
due Friday March 1, 2023; 12:30p. R. Leroux shared the office has received / logged many
applications in each category.
- R. Leroux updated and congratulated the Board:
FY 2022 Appellate Tax Board Case Docket No. F34606;
NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY vs
BOARD OF ASSESSORS OF THE TOWN OF WAYLAND
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL; January 3, 2024
- 6:21 pm Topics, if any, not reasonably anticipated by the BoA Chair 48 hours in advance of meeting: None.
- 6:22 pm BoA Members Thoughts and Concerns: None.
- 6:22 pm Date of Next Meeting: Monday February 12, 2024; 6:00p Open Session and 6:30p Executive Session.
- 6:24 pm Open Meeting Adjourned:
Roll Call Motion by Vice Chair Philip Parks
Stephen Klitgord, Massimo Taurisano, Philip Parks; Unanimous.
- Note: Board did not return to Open Meeting.