



**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE - ASSESSORS' OFFICE**

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Minutes of the  
REMOTE BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING  
Town Hall, Wednesday, January 27, 2021  
Caucus Hall Conference Room  
260 Commercial Street

**OPEN SESSION:** Mr. Fahle, acting as moderator, read the remote participation meeting instructions at 12:00 pm. then turned the meeting over to Ms. Parsons.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Parsons called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Leslie Parsons (Chair)  
Mr. Robert Sanborn  
Mr. Scott Fahle  
Ms. Lynne Martin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Frank Girvan

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Scott Fahle, Principal Assessor  
Ms. Cheryl MacKenzie, Assessors Office Manager

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Ms. Parsons made a motion to accept the posted BOA Minutes of December 16, 2020 with one minor revision. Ms. Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a 4-0-0 vote.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS:**

None

Ms. Parsons motioned that we call the meeting into Executive Session and Mr. Fahle seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.

Ms. Parsons called the Meeting into Executive Session per the Massachusetts General Law 30A – Section 21@ 12:08 PM

**Begin Executive Session: OPEN MEETING LAW, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 21**

- MGL c 59, ss60 – Application for Abatement/Exemptions
- MGL c 59, ss52B – Valuation Information
- MGL c 59, ss8A – Discovery Collected in ATB Cases
- MGL c 59, ss38D – Written Return of Information
- MGL c 59, ss61A – Discovery Collected with Abatement Applications

**End Executive Session: OPEN MEETING LAW, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 21**

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- MGL c 59, ss38D – Written Return of Information
- MGL c 59, ss61A – Discovery Collected with Abatement Applications

Mr. Fahle motioned that we end Executive Session, and Ms. Parsons seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.

Mr. Sanborn officially ended Executive Session at 12:22 p.m.

**FY21 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY ABATEMENTS**

The Board reviewed the Third list of FY 2021 Real Estate Property abatement applications.

Two (2) applications were reviewed with the following action:

1. 3-UA Thistlemore Rd – Abatement Denied. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.
2. 3-UB Thistlemore Rd – Abatement Denied. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.

Mr. Fahle mentioned that there are Two (2) outstanding real estate applications/properties that are being reviewed. These properties are represented by property tax valuation companies, rather than the owners themselves.

**FY21 PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS**

The Board reviewed the Third list of FY 2021 Personal Property abatement applications. One (1) application was reviewed with the following actions:

1. 351 Commercial St – Granted to Value of \$0. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.

**FY21 STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS/ABATEMENTS:**

**Exemptions**

The Board reviewed the Second list of FY2021 Residential Statutory Exemption applications. Forty (40) applications were reviewed with the following actions:

**Clause 41C - Elderly Persons** – Three (3) applications were considered for this period. All applicants meet the current requirements. The motion carried 4-0-0.

**Community Preservation Act** - Five (5) applications were considered for this period. All applicants meet the current requirements. The motion carried 4-0-0.

**Clause 22 - Veterans** – One (1) application was considered for this period. All applicants meet the current requirements. The motion carried 4-0-0.

**Clause 37A – Blind Persons** – None

**Clause 17D-Surviving Spouse/Elderly** – None

**Clause 41A Deferrals** – None

**Section 5K – Senior Volunteer Work Credit** – Thirty-One (31) applications were considered for this period. All applicants meet the current requirements. The motion carried 4-0-0.

**FY21 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING ABATEMENTS:****Affordable Housing**

None

**FY21 – RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTIONS****Residential Exemptions/Abatements**

The Board reviewed the Third list of FY2021 Residential Exemptions to be processed as Abatements to date. Four (4) applications were reviewed with the following actions:

**Residential Exemptions/Abatements** – Four (4) applications were considered for this period. All applicants meet the current requirements. The motion carried 4-0-0.

**Expanded Residential Exemptions/Abatements**

The Board reviewed the Third list of FY2021 Expanded Residential Exemptions to be processed as Abatements to date. One (1) application was reviewed with the following actions:

**Expanded Residential**

**Exemptions/Abatements** – One (1)

application was considered for this period. The applicant met the current requirements. The motion carried 4-0-0.

**ASSESSORS OFFICE UPDATES**

- 1. Mr. Fahle mentioned that the Annual Town Report was submitted last week.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE/BOAT COMMITMENT AND ABATEMENT REPORTS:**

Ms. MacKenzie provided the Board members with the following documents to allow stamps instead of signatures as follows: All approved 4-0-0. Votes: (LP – yes, BS - yes, LM – yes, SF – yes)

- 1. FY20 MV Excise Tax Commitments
- 2. FY20 MV Abatements
- 3. FY21 Boat Excise Tax Commitments

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- 1. Mr. Fahle mentioned that Eversource has filed for Personal Property Tax Abatements in multiple towns and is being reviewed.

**NEXT BOA MEETING:**

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Fahle motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Parsons. The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Scott Fahle*

Scott Fahle,  
Principal Assessor

*Scott Fahle*

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**Scott Fahle, Principal Assessor**