



**MINUTES
TRURO BOARD OF ASSESSORS
VIA CONFERENCE CALL
(832) 831-2424 Pin#195150#
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2021, 12pm**

Present: Bruce Boleyn; Michael Forgione; Jon Nahas Principal Assessor; Mary McIsaac-Interim Treasurer/Collector

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boleyn at 12:12pm

Public Comment: None

Tax Title Process:

Ms McIsaac explained the tax title process and its importance to the finances of the Town. Furthermore, it was explained how the Board of Assessors play an integral role in this process by approving abatements using the Town's Overlay account, with the DOR's approval. Due to a variety of reasons, the tax title process-normally done annually-has not been performed in many years and steps need to be taken to collect the taxes or otherwise remedy the Levy year. There are a variety of parcels in this status including Owners Unknown, Expired NSS leases, Town of Truro takings, and simply unpaid taxes. A number of parcels with years of outstanding taxes have no remedy available to the Collector. Therefore, we must turn to the Tax Taking and Foreclosure proceedings or we need to pursue an abatement. This was only an introduction to the process and more information and potential action is to follow.

NEW BUSINESS: Board of Assessors Attendance:

After an update from the Assessor that Mr. Palmer has not been heard from nor has been in attendance in at least 6 months, it was requested that the Assessor confirm whether Mr. Palmer can or wishes to continue to remain on the Board of Assessors. Also, it was asked that the Assessor look into the Town's regulations of the Boards and Committees and the regulations of attendance. The main concern is the requirement of a quorum of the Board to conduct Town business. Furthermore, the length of time it can take to get a Board Member accredited by the DOR to be on the Board of Assessors is a concern and the Board wishes to get ahead of this potential situation if necessary.

Review/Approve Minutes:

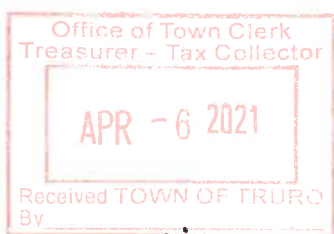
Motion was made by Mr. Boleyn to approve the meeting minutes as written of the **December 29, 2020 meeting**. Motion was seconded by Mr. Forgione, All voted in favor.

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements:

Motion was made by Mr. Boleyn to approve **Motor Vehicle February 2021 Abatements** in amount of **\$521.13**. Mr. Forgione second the motion and all voted in favor.

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitments:

Motion was made by Mr. Boleyn to approve **Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2020 Commitment #7** in amount of **\$2,744.28**. Mr. Forgione second the motion and all voted in favor.



Motion was made by Mr. Boleyn to approve **Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2021 Commitment #1** in amount of **\$377,049.23**. Mr. Forgione second the motion and all voted in favor.

Boat Excise Tax Commitments:

Motion was made by Mr. Boleyn to approve **Fiscal Year 2021 Boat Excise Tax Commitment #1** in amount of **\$5,292.00**. Mr. Forgione second the motion and all voted in favor.

Executive Session:

Upon a motion by Mr. Boleyn that the Board of Assessors enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION under G.L c.30A Section 21(a) (7), to comply with G.L. c. 59 Section 60 and G.L. 214 Section 1B to review abatement and exemption applications and not to resume an open session. Seconded by Mr. Forgione, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss exemption applications, roll call was taken, so voted. Session began at 12:45pm.

Statutory Exemption Approvals/Denials: Motion to Approve by Mr. Boleyn, seconded by Mr. Forgione. All voted in favor.

Statutory Exemptions 41C: Approve-2 Deny-0.

Residential Exemption Approvals/Denials: Motion to Approve by Mr. Boleyn, seconded by Mr. Forgione. All voted in favor.

Residential Exemptions: Approve-2 Deny-0.

FY2021 Abatement Approvals/Denials: Motion to Approve by Mr. Boleyn, seconded by Mr. Forgione. All voted in favor.

Personal Property Abatement: Approve-1. Deny-1.

12:58pm- Move to exit Executive Session and not re-enter Open Session, by Mr. Boleyn, seconded by Mr. Forgione. All in Favor. Roll call was taken, so voted.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mr. Boleyn at 12:58pm, seconded by Mr. Forgione. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Approved on APRIL 6, 2021 by:

Jon Nahas, Principal Assessor

R. Bruce Boleyn

Michael R Forgione

Truro Board of Assessors

