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Minutes of meeting of January 21, 2016. Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Present at meeting were Mr. Kevin Taugher, Ms. Hazel Snopek, Mr. Francis Conti and Ms. Melissa Couture.

Ms. Snopek made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of December 7, 2015 as written. Mr. Taugher seconded. The motion passed 2-0 with 1 abstention.

New Business:

Ms. Couture presented the board with seven additional fiscal 2016 exemption applications. Ms. Couture reviewed the applicants with the board. She stated that all applicants meet the requirements for their respective clauses. Ms. Snopek made a motion to approve 7 exemptions totaling \$3,012.50 for fiscal 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Conti. The motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

Associate Assessor report:

Ms. Couture informed the board that she has been recruited to sit on the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers (MAAO) Education Committee and has been appointed by the association's President. Meetings are held monthly at the MAAO headquarters. This committee sets the agendas and schedules for all educational happenings sponsored by the MAAO. They also assist counties in holding meetings and seminars that meet threshold requirements allowing for recertification of assessing designations.

Ms. Couture informed the board that she is in receipt of notification for the MAAO Winter meeting. She is interested more in the afternoon offerings than the morning. She will let the board know if she plans on attending as the date gets closer.

Meeting Schedule:

The board discussed their meeting schedule and determined that the next meeting will be held on Monday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business:

Mr. Taugher asked for an update on the Land of Low Value (LoLV) project with the Collector/Treasurer and Town Administrator. Ms. Couture reiterated that her portion of the project is complete other than waiting on wetland information from Conservation. She reminded the board that there are a total of 40 properties but she was directed to choose 5-8 for a starting point. Of these she is waiting for information on one property. She stated that she received an

update from the Collector/Treasurer this morning. They have been working on this project but now need to go into the archives to retrieve necessary information.

Mr. Taugher then asked about unknown owner properties. Ms. Couture stated that through the LoLV project there are three properties that are unknown and in tax title. Ms. Couture has started some initial research with these properties however, abutting land deed descriptions describe their boundaries as abutting land of "unknown owner". She is hopeful to submit her research to Department of Revenue to see what happens with these properties as a test for the remaining parcels.

Adjournment:

Ms. Snopek made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Conti. Motion carries 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa L. Couture
Associate Assessor

List of Documents reviewed during meeting:

Document

Minutes
Fiscal 2016 additional exemptions
MAAO Winter meeting notice

Location

Associate Assessor files
Assistant to Associate Assessor files
Associate Assessor files