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DATE: March 12, 2024 TIME: 9:39 AM February 29, 2024

The Board of Assessors met at 7:45 A.M. Mr. Laverty Mr. Reardon and Mr. Murphy were present.

The Board opened the session to public participation.

Ms. Gallagher, a Belmont Resident, asked questions regarding Belmont Tax Policy and the role of the assessors in Elderly Tax Relief with the upcoming override on the Ballot.

Ms. Gallagher asked additional questions regarding assessments and assessment methods as well.

Mr. Allomare, of 29 Oliver Rd, joined the meeting to petition the Board to accept a late entry of a Tax Abatement Application for overvaluation due to an emergency that prevented the timely filing. The Board of Assessors, as the application deadline is set by the Commonwealth and not locally, explained that they could accept the application as the jurisdiction to act ended on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

There were no more questions from the public.

The minutes of the previous session were read. On motion by Mr. Laverty, seconded by Mr. Murphy, passed unanimously, the minutes were accepted as read.

The following bills/vouchers were approved for payment:

MCAA (membership dues for 2024) dated 02/01/2024

JF Ryan (annual support, web hosting & license fees) dated 01/29/2024

Crystal Rock (water delivery) dated 02/01/2024

The Board signed the Invoice Report dated 3/7/2024 for three invoices amounting \$8,131.33.

The weekly list(s) of taxes exempted or abated was (were) signed: 02/02/2024, 02/09/2024, 02/23/2024. The taxes exempted totaled \$9,042.51.

The Board signed the Assessors Warrant to Collector for Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise for the Seventh Commitment of 2023, in the amount of \$27,291.14.

The Board signed the Assessors Warrant to Collector for Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise for the First Commitment of 2024, in the amount of \$2,918,429.73.

The Board acted on fifty-four (54) applications for abatement of real estate and personal property taxes. Thirty-two (32) were granted. \*

On motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Reardon, passed unanimously, the Board went into executive session at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of acting on applications for exemptions. The following applications were acted upon: \*

Clause 17D 1 Clause 22 43 Clause 41A 0 Clause 42 0 Clause 18 0 Clause 37A 2 Clause 41C 5 CPA 15

On motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Reardon, passed unanimously, the Board came out of executive session at 9:30 a.m.

The Board voted to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:45 am.

Fatrick Murphy Secretary