

LUNENBURG BOARD OF ASSESSORS

January 8, 2025

RITTER BUILDING, LOWER LEVEL

960 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.

Present members: Chair Brian Laffond, Clerk John Rabbitt, Assessing Consultant Rena Swezey

Absent members: Vice Chair Sarah Cammer, Principal Assessor Lynda McQuade

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting opened at 6:33 PM.

OPENING COMMENTS

- Board
There were no comments from the Board.
- Public
There were no comments from the public.

STATUS REPORT FROM PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR.

- Status of 2025 Abatement Applications. 8 of 58 update. Other items as needed.
There have been 2 applications for 8 of 58 processes for remediation for 2024 taxes. Once the abatements for this year are completed the Board will then review the abatements, including conducting inspections. Once those are completed the Board will make any needed adjudications about what changes should then be provided to Commissioner of Revenue.

John Rabbitt states everyone has received their tax bills. Residents have 30 days to apply for an abatement. Rena Swezey confirms there have been 3 abatements filed.

Rena Swezey suggests straightening out the site indexes/neighborhood maps and starting with the lakes.

Public comment- Resident/Applicant has submitted questions in writing to the Board. She inquired about the length of days until she received an update or answer from the Board. Brian Laffond states there is a plan to decide and hold a vote at the next meeting on January 22nd. It is unclear how long the state will take to make a decision.

CURRENT BUSINESS

- Review and Approve Minutes of December 18, 2024, November 20, 2024, November 6, 2024, October 16, 2024, October 2, 2024, Executive Sessions of December 10, 2024.
The minutes will be reviewed at the meeting on January 22nd.
- Review and Approve Invoices, Expense Vouchers, Payroll, Billing Errors, etc.

There were no documents to be reviewed or approved.

- Assessor Conference at Senior Center Feb. 3, 2025 (Jack)

John Rabbitt has confirmed with Margaret Scarsdale that a new Senior Tax Relief bill (H-3911) has been approved for the town. Lou Franco and Tom Alonzo both worked on this new tax relief bill.

John Rabbit has been working with Deb Lincoln, Chairperson of the Lunenburg Council on Aging, regarding their presentation.

There will be a presentation from Michael-Ray Jeffreys regarding the Senior Housing update.

Brian Laffond provided his edits on the presentation that John Rabbitt completed. Please remove all pictures. He is requesting a copy of his presentation prior to the next meeting scheduled for January 22nd with enough time to adequately review the document.

- Modification of Website

There have been no modifications.

POSTPONED TOPICS

- BOA Policies.
- Clause 41 and 17 Assets/income Level Adjustments for Exemptions (Brian)
- Neighborhood / Site Index Review in response to DOR Directives - RFP Consultant outline (Sarah)
- Discuss details and development of Assessing Calendar.

UPCOMING MEETING/EVENTS SCHEDULE

- January 22, 2025
- February 5, 2025

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Public

There were no comments from the public.

- Board

There were no comments from the Board.

ADJOURN

There was a motion to adjourn by John Rabbitt, seconded by Brian Laffond. All in favor.

The meeting closed at 7:53 PM.