

**MINUTES**  
**TRURO BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**24 TOWN HALL RD. – OLD HISTORIC ROOM**  
**Thursday August 22, 2019, 11am**

**Present:** Bruce Boleyn; Gary Palmer; Mike Forgione; Jon Nahas Principal Assessor;  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boleyn at 10:58 am

**Public Comment:** None

**Review/Approve Minutes:**

Motion was made by Mr. Palmer to approve the meeting minutes as written of the May 29, 2019 meeting; motion to accept was seconded by Mr. Boleyn and all voted in favor.

**Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments & MV & Boat Abatements:**

Motion was made by Mr. Palmer to approve **Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Commitment #4-2019** in amount of **\$22,789.08**. Mr Boleyn second the motion and all voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Forgione to approve **Motor Vehicle Excise Tax August 2019 Abatements** in amount of **\$822.52**. Mr Boleyn second the motion and all voted in favor.

**Permission for Gateway Signatures:**

Motion was made by Mr Boleyn to approve motion that the Assessing Office staff may use their signature stamp for tax forms and give permission for the Principal Assessor, where applicable, to electronically sign on the Board's behalf, BLA forms in Gateway relating to FY20. Mr Forgione seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**FY2020 Board of Assessors Tax Classification Discussion & Vote to Recommend to Board of Selectman**

- Mr. Nahas discussed the FY20 values that were approved by the Department of Revenue on August 13, 2019. An increase of approximately 2.5% in the Town's overall valuation.
- Motion made by Mr. Forgione, seconded by Mr. Palmer to recommend to the Board of Selectman NOT to Split the Tax Rate between the Residential and Commercial/Industrial and Personal Property classes; and to vote a residential factor of "1", maintaining a 100% full value tax for all classes. All voted in favor.
- Motion made by Mr. Forgione, seconded by Mr. Palmer to recommend to Board of Selectman NOT to grant an open space discount. All voted in favor.
- Motion made by Mr. Forgione, seconded by Mr. Palmer to recommend to Board of Selectman NOT to grant a small business exemption within the commercial class. All voted in favor.

- Motion made by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Boleyn to recommend to the Select Board TO CONTINUE TO GRANT a Residential Exemption. All voted in favor.
  - Motion by Mr Palmer to continue the Residential Exemption at 20% and seconded by Mr. Boleyn. All voted in favor.

Mr Forgione raised the question if the Select Board along with the Conservation and Building departments have thought about the Year-Round Condominium Conversion and how it may impact the number of residents that may qualify for the Residential Exemption.

**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. Palmer, all voted in favor. The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss exemption applications, roll call was taken, so voted. Session began at 11:15 am.

**Statutory Exemption Approvals:** Motion to Approve by Mr Boleyn, seconded by Mr. Palmer. All voted in favor.

Veteran Exemptions-22: Approve-8.

Senior Exemptions-41c: Approve-7. Deny-1.

Veteran Exemptions-22E: Approve-3.

Senior Exemptions-17D: Approve-1.

**Residential Exemption Approvals:** Motion to Approve by Mr Boleyn, seconded by Mr Palmer. All voted in favor.

Residential Exemptions: Approve-13. Deny-2.

11:39 am-Move to exit Executive Session and not re-enter Open Session, by Mr. Boleyn, seconded by Mr. Palmer. Roll call was taken, all voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mr. Boleyn at 11:39 am, seconded by Mr. Palmer. All voted in favor.

**Next Meeting:** TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Nahas, Principal Assessor

Approved on 10/4/2019 by:

R. Anna Riley

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Michael R. Foy

Truro Board of Assessors

