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As required by G.L. Chapter 30A §§18-25, and pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, signed into law on March 29, 2023, this meeting of the **Dennis Board of Assessors on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 10:00am** originally scheduled to be held in the Town Hall will be physically closed to the public and conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found at the town's website at www.town.dennis.ma.us. This meeting was not televised nor was there any in-person attendance of members of the public permitted. However, despite best efforts, technological capabilities did not adequately support public access to this remote meeting, the Town of Dennis will ensure that the minutes of this meeting are posted on the Town's website as soon as possible after the meeting.

Members present: Cathy Fryxell, MAA, presiding; MAA; Gary Fryxell, MAA; and Tony Podlesney, MAA,

Members Present via Zoom: Michael O'Connor, and Jon Nahas, MAA

Present in Person: no members of the public present

Staff present: John Robertson, MAA; Kathleen Travelo, CAA

The meeting of the Dennis Board of Assessors was called to order by Mrs. Fryxell at 10:01 am, in response to Mrs. Fryxell's affirmation request, no one present on the conference call intended to video tape or audio record this meeting.

Minutes: On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Fryxell the minutes of the April 6, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: there were no members of the public present.

Directors update: Mr. Robertson had reached out to a few Appraisers as well as a few Assessors in regards to the value of outdoor kitchens. Outdoor kitchen areas seem to be gaining in popularity. Some Appraisers and Assessors felt that just because it costs money that it didn't necessarily increase the value of the property. Other Assessors have added value by increasing the quality of the patios or by adding an additional kitchen.

Mr. Nahas, Assessor for Truro, stated that Truro adds an additional fixture and takes a closer look at the quality and condition of the entire property.

Mr. Robertson stated that they will do as other Assessors have done by increasing the quality of the patio to account for the value.

MV Warrants and Commitment: There were four motor vehicle commitments:

2022 - 07: \$15,569.69

2022 - 08: \$81.71

2023 - 01: \$2,187,704.53

2023 - 02: \$316,353.66

On motion of Mr. Fryxell seconded by Mr. Podlesney, the MV warrants and commitments were unanimously approved as presented.

MV and Boat abatements: There were several motor vehicle and boat abatements for years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

MV March 2021: \$133.50

MV February 2022: \$690.50

MV March 2022: \$404.69

MV April 2022: \$135.59
MV February 2023: \$1,390.83
MV March 2023: \$5,980.09
MV March 2023: \$6,905.38
MV April 2023: \$8,198.52

Boat March 2022: \$85.25
Boat April 2022: \$40.00
Boat March 2023: \$778.17
Boat March 2023: \$604.33
Boat April 2023: \$504.18

On motion of Mr. Podlesney, seconded by Mr. Fryxell the Board voted unanimously to approve the motor vehicle and boat abatements as presented.

Betterment Payoffs: There were two betterment payoffs for the Board to approve.

6 Riverside Way - \$3,954.97
56 Black Ball Hill Road - \$2,413.32

On motion of Mr. Podlesney, seconded by Mr. Fryxell the Board voted unanimously to approve the betterment payoffs as presented.

Executive Session: On motion of Mrs. Fryxell, seconded by Mr. Fryxell the board voted unanimously by roll call vote to enter executive session at 10:12 am. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Sections 21 (a) (7) and M.G.L. c. 59 § 60 Review of Abatement Applications and Exemptions to return to public session.

On motion of Mr. Fryxell, seconded by Mr. O'Connor the board voted unanimously by roll call vote to exit executive session at 10:27am and return to regular session.

On motion of Mr. Fryxell, seconded by Mr. Podlesney the Board unanimously voted to approve Real Estate and Personal Property abatement and exemption applications as presented and discussed in executive session.

On motion of Mr. Nahas, seconded by Mr. Podlesney the Board unanimously voted to approve the Veteran and Elderly exemptions as presented and discussed in executive session.

Overlay Surplus: The Department of Revenue feels that the amount of money in the account is high. The Select Board hasn't asked for any of the money and at this time the Assessing Department doesn't want to turn it over as there is a high potential need due to tax title and potential ATB cases.

Adjournment: On motion of Mr. Fryxell, seconded by Mr. O'Connor the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Travelo, CAA
for the Board of Assessors