



Cranberry Land USA

TOWN OF CARVER ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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January 2, 2024

Present: Ellen Blanchard, MAA, Chair, Mike Paduch, Peter Sullivan
Also Present: Joe Roche – Town Assessor

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Blanchard at 5:00 P.M.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Mike and seconded by Peter the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session at 5:03 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing FY 2024 Real-Estate Exemptions and FY 2025 Chapter Land Applications.

At 5:45 on a motion by Peter and seconded Mike the Board voted unanimously to adjourn executive session and reconvene in open session.

New Business:

The Board discussed the various exemption programs administered through the Assessor's Office. Due to rising costs of livings, and in an effort to help senior citizens the Board expressed their desire to increase the exemption amounts.

On a motion by Peter and seconded by Mike the Board voted unanimously to authorize Joe to draft an article for Town Meeting that would increase the Clause 17D Exemption from \$500 to \$1,000.

On a motion by Mike and seconded by Peter the Board voted unanimously to authorize Joe to draft an article for Town Meeting that would increase the Clause 41C Exemption from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

On a motion by Peter and seconded by Mike the Board voted unanimously to authorize Joe to draft an article for Town Meeting that would increase the Senior Work-Off from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

The Board discussed the importance of the work done by the Assessors, and the Assessor's Office Staff. In the FY 2024 budget of \$54,560,297.32 the Tax Levy of \$32,116,216.97 represents more than 58% of the Total Town Budget, additionally, Motor Vehicle Excise has consistently been the largest local receipt with roughly \$1,850,000 collected annually. When all revenue sources are accounted for the Board of Assessors routinely generates greater than 60% of all Town Revenues.

In light of the value that they bring to the Town, the technical nature of the work that they perform, and the thoughtful experience that the Board brings to the table the Board on a motion by Ellen and seconded by Mike voted unanimously to authorize Joe to draft an article for Town Meeting increasing the Board of Assessors Stipend from \$750 to \$1,500.

On a motion by Peter and seconded by Mike the Board voted to adjourn at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Roche".

Joe Roche, MAA
Town Assessor