***MINUTES OF MEETING--------------------------------------------------------MARCH 4, 2021***

*Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M. Assessor Chairman Kevin Rudden, Assessor Susan Edmonds, Assessor Ken O’Brien and Principal Assessor Jean Berthold are present.*

*Motion made by Ken and seconded by Sue to approve the minutes of February 16, 2021. Unanimous vote.*

*The Board signs the end of month Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatements Reports.*

*The Board signs the end of month Real Estate Tax Exemption end of month report.*

*The Board signs the end of month Real Estate & Personal Property Abatement Report.*

*The Board discusses the Fiscal Year 2021 Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Abatement Applications.*

*Motion made by Sue and seconded by Ken to grant a real estate tax abatement to a property located at 35 Taft Avenue. The Board visited this property and ascertained that an abatement was warranted. Unanimous vote.*

*The Board discusses options to assist some of our taxpayers with their increasing real estate tax bills. Kevin advises he has completed his research regarding the “means tested” tax exemption and advises that this would pertain to taxpayers who are receiving the state Senior Circuit Breaker Income Tax Credit. The Selectmen would decide what percentage of said credit would be available to those who qualify. The exemption would not increase the levy limit but would be distributed amongst the remaining residential taxpayers. This will require special legislation. The Board agrees to support the Taxation Aid Committee sponsoring the exemption via an article on the May Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

*Motion made by Sue and seconded by Ken to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM. Unanimous vote.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Susan Edmonds, Assessor Clerk*

*MINUTES APPROVED: 4/13/2021*