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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2016

### BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S OFFICE 3 NO. MAIN STREET, ASSONET, MASSACHUSETTS

**9:00 A.M. Call to Order** Chairman Lee Baumgartner opens the meeting at 9:03 am. Others present are Selectmen Paul Sadeck, Selectmen Lisa Pacheco, Kimberly Fales and Kent Wilkens.

#### Weekly Public Discussion

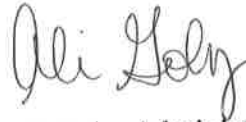
- Discuss FY17 Budgets with Town Accountant Kim Fales. Ms. Fales has some concerns over the water budgets because they don't have any revenue to generate what they want. She says two things that are not considered are OPEB and stabilization transfer. There is plenty of time to consider those things. Budget Summary, each budget is discussed. Ms. Fales says this is the last year with the Audit's and DOR would like them to stay with an Auditors' firm for approx 7 years. Selectmen Baumgartner says Board of Assessors only met two times, so please discuss this in the future regarding their stipend. Selectmen Pacheco wants to know how much of an increase the Town Clerk budget is and she wants to compare with area towns. Public Bldg – Net metering plus clothing and CBA. Property Insurance – we are moving things around money needs to go into W/C. Police – Board needs request back-up with deadline by next Friday. ComCenter needs back-up by next Friday as well. Fire is increase w/CBA small increases with expense budget and the biggest increase is the billing for ambulance. Ms. Fales says going with a company will give you a lot of efficiencies. There is more to be gained by having a billing company...you will have a better collection rate. The Collection percentage will go up. Selectmen Sadeck says his concern is that the resident will not have the option to get their bill abated then. This is why it was passed at town meeting specifically. Selectmen Pacheco says she will think of it as a personnel side how would Deb Allerdt's position exist. How about if we hire hours she has to give up everything else. We can't let her work in dispatch because she would be required to work a certain amount of hours. Schools – discussion is needed. Lakeville said they will give 2.5% and we will need to give -1.21%. Selectmen Sadeck and Selectmen Baumgartner are good with this. Selectmen Pacheco isn't good with this. The Board will hold on the schools now. Old Colony needs to be at 90 students. Mr. Healey needs to be in contact with the Super. Trash is on hold. Cemetery – Bids were all over the place, the other option is maybe since you have increased the highway dept staffing can they do the mowing at the Cemetery. Bring these people in along with Highway Surveyor Chuck Macomber. Ms. Fales says put Highway personnel in Cemetery. Veteran's increase on hold. Board says this started out low. Library – additional personnel. Call these people in. 931 Capital Equipment is discussed. Selectmen Pacheco says for the highway department, we need to make sure we have the appropriate equipment for the employees we have. Police cruisers – we need the breakdown on the cruisers that he is requesting. Fire - pumps and the cot will be discussed

later. Ms. Fales says they need to generate \$600,000 to sustain their budget. We need to talk with them.

Meetings will need to be scheduled with departments.

Motion to adjourn (Pacheco/Sadeck) at 10:38AM. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ali Golz".

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant