

Special Town Board Meeting December 28, 2020

A Special Zoom Meeting was held on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. to authorize the Assessor to grant renewals of the aged-all and the disability exemptions to all who had the exemption on the prior year's roll without requiring the qualifying person(s) to submit a renewal application under Executive Order 202.83. To see the full meeting visit the Town of Kent's website at www.townofkentny.gov under Video's on Demand.

Present: Supervisor Fleming, Councilpersons Denbaum, McGlasson, Huestis and Ruthven
Also Present: Town Clerk Cappelli, Counsel Nancy Tagliafiero, Assessor Seth Plawsky and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with the Salute to the Flag

Resolution #377 - Authorizing Town Assessor to Grant Certain Exemptions Without Renewal Application Pursuant to Executive Order 202.83

On a motion by Councilwoman McGlasson

Seconded by Councilman Ruthven

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020 said declaration was extended by Executive Order 202.83 to include subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, and to permit the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant the applicable exemptions pursuant to such sections on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to adopt such a resolution while also allowing the assessor to require a renewal application to be filed when he has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Executive Order, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent authorizes the Town Assessor (i) to grant the applicable exemptions pursuant to subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and (ii) to require a renewal application to be filed when he has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor and Town Assessor to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Fleming: aye

Councilwoman McGlasson: aye

Councilman Ruthven: aye

Councilman Huestis: aye

Councilman Denbaum: aye

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #378 - Adjournment

On a motion by Supervisor Fleming

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Seconded by Councilman Ruthven

Resolved: The Special Meeting ended at 12:14 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda D. Cappelli

Town Clerk