



**BOARD MEETING**  
**Water's Edge – Westbrook CT**  
*March 24, 2023- DRAFT*

1. **Call to order** – Meeting was called to order at 10:47 am. Present were Alan Wilensky, Lisa Madden, Kathy Larkins, Cory Gumbrewicz, Maeci Evans, Patricia Kratochvil, Anne Marie Burr, Teresa Babon, Heather Smeriglio, Sarah Bruso, Kimberly Bratz, Michele Wyatt, Lisa Biagiarelli, John Rainaldi, Iris Laurenza, David Kluczowski, Kristen Battistoni

2. **Minutes**

a. Minutes from Previous Meetings(s)- Motion by Maeci Evans to waive the reading and approval of the previous meeting minutes and motion was seconded by Lisa Madden. Motion carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Cory Gumbrewicz gave a very comprehensive treasurer's report to the board. Lisa Madden commented that she was very pleased at the detail of the reports and the quickness that Cory learned the system. Maeci Evans motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report Balance Sheet of \$222,411.19 and Profit and Loss by Class of \$118,538.16 as read and the motion was seconded by Heather Smeriglio. Motion Carried.

Cory Gumbrewicz presented an Aging Summary of Outstanding Invoices and Credit Balances of \$13043.00. A discussion on credit balances was held. Anne Marie Burr motioned to give the money back to the Finance departments of the Towns by June 30<sup>th</sup> and the motion was seconded by Lisa Biagiarelli. Motion carried.

Cory Gumbrewicz presented a Refund Request report of \$765.00. A motion to accept the request was made by John Rainaldi and seconded by Maeci Evans. Motion carried

Cory Gumbrewicz also presented a Forecast (P/L) to the board for approval. The point of this is that money would be appropriated into categories for funding. This structured money would make the payment process smoother for paying vendors in a timely manner. Lisa Madden motioned to approve the forecast and the motion was seconded by Maeci Evans. Motion carried.

**4. General Discussion of Conference-**

Outstanding. Great. Discussion ensued on: venue was aware of what happened last year and stepped up; four out of the five menus were customized for us; good time of year to use the facility; constantly reviewing. Paula Usher will send emails and a survey out to vendors. Discussion on vendor drawing next year was held. The timing of next year's conference was also discussed.

**5. Old Business-**

DMV went down last week. Please use your email contacts.

**6. New Business**

**a. Awards Committee**

Teresa Babon will be taking over the awards. The Historical/Awards committee will consist of the following members: Teresa Babon, Lisa Madden, Kristen Battistoni, Beth Hamel, David Kluczowski, Ana LaGassey, Patti Kratochvil, Sarah Brusio, Lori Bushnell.

A motion was made by Anne Marie Burr to buy gifts and future gifts for retiring tax collectors and to pay for their attendance at the functions. The motion was seconded by Heather Smeriglio. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the different types of pins and the costs. A motion was made by John Rainaldi and seconded by Kathy Larkins that everyone will get a 5-year pin. And lifetime pins will be given out at 30 years with gemstones for every 5 years along with the retiring tax collector's annual dues being waived. Motion carried.

**b. Aqua Turf May 9**

A discussion was held regarding the increase in the food costs and amending the menu. There will be a May/June Zoom meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss this topic further. There was a discussion on sending a survey monkey on the Aqua Turf pricing to also allow the membership to have a voice. Discussion ensued on a possible different venue.

**c. Water's Edge Conferences**

There was a discussion on the 2025 and 2026 contracts. Lisa Madden made a motion to have the 2025 and 2026 Water's Edge contract signed for the Tax Collector's Annual Conference. The motion was seconded by Maeci Evans. Motion Carried.

**d. Legislation**

CAAO wanted CTTAX to support them in a legislation bill for restructuring motor vehicle assessment. At this point the bill has been postponed for a year.

Discussion on OPM sending MVS out monthly. It will be up to each town at that point.

**7. Good & Welfare**

County Presidents should check with any vendors in their areas to see if they would like to participate in next year's Annual Tax Seminar. Please forward any names to Paula Usher.

Iris Laurenza stated that there were a couple of vendors that were missed in asking to attend the Aqua Turf. Alan Wilensky will contact them.

Pat Moisio stated that the Northeast Regional Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association is conducting a virtual workshop on Tax Sales on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12:30 pm. The workshop is 2.5 continuing education credits. The annual conference is in Rehoboth DE September 24-27.

**8. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Maeci Evans to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 am and seconded by Kathy Larkins. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kratochvil

Secretary