

TOWN OF WATERTOWN
Regular Meeting
Municipal Building
January 14, 2021

Members Present: Joel R. Bartlett, Supervisor
Paul V. Desormo, Councilman
David D. Prosser, Councilman
Timothy McAtee, Councilman
Joanne McClusky, Councilwoman

Members Absent:

**ADOPTING PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.83 SUSPENDING THE
REQUIREMENT OF RENEWAL APPLICATION AS A CONDITION TO GRANTING
EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTION 459-C AND 467 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

MOTION #12-2021

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York by Executive order No. 202 dated March 7, 2020, declared a state disaster emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, both travel-related and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to continue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29-A of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo did issue Executive Order 202.83 dated December 18, 2020 which authorized, by local option, the governing body, to adopt the provisions of that Executive Order 202.83, which temporarily suspends or modifies, 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. The COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 (Chapter 381 of the Laws of 2020) was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on December 28, 2020 mandating the Provision.

WHEREAS, ON December 18, 2020, said declaration was extended to include; SUBDIVISIONS 7, 7A and 8 of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, which permits the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 tax roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for the renewal application from such persons and further dispensing the requirement for the assessor to mail renewal application to such persons, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Watertown is desirous of adopting such resolution while also allowing the Assessor to require a renewal application to be filed when he or she 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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the assessor is instructed to take any action necessary in the above-described directives, and the Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to assessor and to publish such resolution on the Town of Watertown web site.

Supervisor Bartlett moved the foregoing resolution, seconded by Councilman Prosser.

Supervisor Joel Bartlett	yes
Councilman Paul Desormo	yes
Councilman David Prosser	yes
Councilman Timothy McAtee	yes
Councilwoman Joanne McClusky	yes