
Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes July 13, 2023

Call to order

A meeting of the Board of Assessors was held at the Greenwood Center, 231 Maple Road, Rm. 2, Longmeadow, MA on July 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Attendees included Richard Foster, Katya Berezovskaya Marini, Maria Cataldo, Principal Assessor, and Paul Pasterczyk, Interim Finance Director.

Mr. Foster nominated himself as Chair and Ms. Marini as Vice-Chair, leaving the Clerk position vacant. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marini and approved.

The Board elected not to postpone today's meeting, but to proceed as scheduled

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Foster to accept the Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2023 and of May 11, 2023; seconded by Ms. Marini; and the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comment

Lawrence Goldberg, the owner of 159 Redfern Drive and 103 Albemarle Road, appeared before the Board seeking reconsideration of the purported overvaluation of his properties. It is Mr. Goldberg's position that comparable properties in town are assessed between \$45,000 - \$50,000 lower, despite his properties being considered below average. Mr. Goldberg states that his properties are outdated and in need of extensive repair, however, he was unwilling to offer supporting documentation to the Board. Mr. Goldberg continues to question how values are derived by KRT.

Unfinished business

After consideration of Mr. Goldberg's comments, a motion was made by Mr. Foster to uphold KRT's recommendations regarding Mr. Goldberg's properties.; seconded by Ms. Marini; and the motion unanimously passed.

New Business

Mr. Foster recited the FY2023 abatement summary as: 47 applications received; 20 approved; 27 denied; real estate abatements totaling \$26,108.18 and CPA abatements totaling of \$261.08. A motion to approve was then made and unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following: Real estate and motor vehicle abatements for May 2023; personal exemptions for May 2023; motor vehicle abatements for June

2023; Assessors' Warrant to Collector regarding Real Estate Tax and Personal Property Tax; Assessors' Notice of Commitment to Accounting Officer regarding FY2024 Omitted / Revised Real Estate Taxes.

Announcements

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at Greenwood Center.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn at 10:20 a.m.

Secretary

Approval Date: