



Board of Assessors
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Minutes of Meeting

August 22, 2023

The Board of Assessors met on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 4:00 pm, via Zoom. The following Board members were present: John Fisher, Chair, Richard Zaccaro, Clerk, Denise Ellis, Member. Also participating Dennis Flis, Director of Assessing and Jennifer Florio, Deputy Assessor.

Executive Order on Remote Participation Thursday March 12, 2020 Governor Baker issue and “Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting G.L. c 30A Section 20. That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated. Chair to announce that all members will be participating remotely during the meeting due to unprecedented time in history of the Commonwealth. The Governor has authorized remote Participation for all public boards due to the Emergency declaration order that was issued on March 12, 2020. Every vote taken will be taken by roll call vote.

The Board of Assessors voted on the reorganization of the Board after the recent Town election.

John Fisher was elected Chair, by a vote of 3-0-0
Denise Ellis was elected Clerk, by a vote of 3-0-0
Richard Zaccaro as a member of the Board of Assessors.

The Board was informed that the Assessors Office was schedule to be renovated toward the end of the year. It was recommended that a capital budget request be submitted to update the outdated equipment and furniture in the office. The Board will proposed a capital budget request for the Annual Fall Town Meeting in October.

The Board reviewed and discussed the schedule and timeline for the completion of the FY 2024 State Mandated Interim adjustment of values. The Board must meet the requirements and policies set forth by the Commissioner of Revenue to certify they are assessing at full and fair cash valuation under Massachusetts General Laws. c. 40, § 56 and c. 59, §§ 2A and 38. The guidelines prescribe minimum standards of assessment performance that proposed property valuations must meet and set forth the policies that apply to the Commissioner’s review of proposed valuations for certification purposes. G.L. c. 58, §§ 1, 1A and 3.