



**TOWN OF WALPOLE**  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**Board of Assessors**

John R. Fisher, Chairman  
Edward F. O'Neil, Member  
Robert L. Bushway, Clerk

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**Minutes of Meeting**  
**January 26, 2021**

The Board of Assessors met remotely on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 11:00 am.

The following Board members were present: John Fisher, Chair, Robert Bushway, Clerk.

Also participating Dennis Flis, Director of Assessing.

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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.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 reviewed and discussed the FY 2021 Application for Abatements. The deadline for filing is February 1, 2021. Currently there are 24 applications out of 9,426 accounts.

The Board reviewed the email concerning the MAAO Winter Zoom Meeting, schedule for February 10, 2021. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

The Board reviewed and discuss, then voted 2-0-0, to grant an exemption for Assessor's Parcel ID 17-145, under Chapter 59 Sec 5 Clause 18 in the amount of \$2,000.

The Board reviewed and discuss, then voted 2-0-0, to deny an exemption for Assessor's Parcel ID 34-105-26, under Chapter 59 Sec 5 Clause 37A. The property is now in an irrevocable trust and no longer qualifies for the exemption.

The Board review the Appellate tax Board cases. There are 2 cases pending from FY 2020.