



Board of Assessors
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Minutes of Meeting

June 14, 2021

The Board of Assessors met on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 4:30 pm, via zoom.

The following Board members were present: John Fisher, Chair, Robert Bushway, Clerk and Richard Zaccaro, Member. Also participating, Dennis Flis, Director of Assessing.

Executive Order on Remote Participation Thursday, March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law 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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.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 voted to reorganize after the June 5th election. John Fisher was voted Chair, 3-0-0, Robert Bushway was voted Clerk, 3-0-0, and the Board welcomed new member Richard Zaccaro.

The Board reviewed the FY 2022 Preliminary Tax Tape schedule and as of now, everything is on schedule to mail the 1st quarter tax bills out at the end of the month.

A resident inquired if the Board of Assessors was considering the local option concerning the Residential Property Exemption. The Board is aware of this option but this would be a policy decision by the Select Board and further study on the subject is needed.

The Massachusetts Assessors Summer Educational Conference will be via Zoom this year.

The Board wishes to acknowledge Pamela Spence for exemplary, diligent and dedication to the Town of Walpole for her 42 years of service to the Town. Pamela will be retiring at the end of July.