

Board of Assessors

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Minutes of Meeting January 03, 2023

The Board of Assessors met on Tuesday, January 03, 2023, at 5:00 pm, via zoom. The following Board members were present: John Fisher, Chair, 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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.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 Massachusetts Assessors Association will be having its Winter Educational Conference on February 08^{th.} The conference will be via zoom.

The Board reviewed and discussed then voted 2-0-0, to proposed two articles for the Annual Spring Town Meeting 2023. The articles would expand real estate tax exemptions for Senior Citizens (Chap. 59, Sec. 5 Clause 17E) and Surviving Spouses and Surviving Minors (Chap 59, Sec 5, Clause 41D).

The Board reviewed and discussed, then voted 2-0-0, to transfer \$435,000 from the Allowance for Abatements and Exemption Account (Overlay) to the Overlay Surplus Account.