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Board of Assessors

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Minutes of Meeting
November 10, 2020

The Board of Assessors met remotely on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

The Board attended the Selectmen Public Hearing at 7:00 pm to have input in the Selectmen decision on the FY 2021 Residential Factor (Tax Rate).

The following Board of Assessors members were present: John Fisher, Chair, Edward O'Neil, Member, 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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.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.

7:00pm – Public Hearing for Tax Classification for Determination of Residential Factor for Tax rates for fiscal year 2021 On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to open the tax classification public hearing. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). Present for the Tax Classification Hearing, John Fisher, Robert Bushway, Edward O'Neil, Dennis Flis. John Fisher provided an overview of the process taking place tonight and highlighted certain pages of the report provided to the Board that referred to The Shift, Levy Limit, New Growth and Scenarios for FY2021. The Board thanked the Board of Assessors for the informative packet and the good work they have done with putting this together. Public Comment was given by Donnell Murphy, member of the Economic Development Commission. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to close the public hearing. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to adopt a shift of 1.275 with a Residential Factor of 0.9595 for Fiscal Year 2021. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to authorize the Town Administrator to submit the results of the hearing on behalf of the Select Board to the Massachusetts Division of Local Services Gateway System.