

Board of Assessors

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Minutes of Meeting September 19, 2023

The Board of Assessors met on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 5:00 pm, via Zoom. The following Board members were present: John Fisher, Chair, Denise Ellis, Clerk. 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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.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 reviewed and discussed the supplemental taxes for FY 2023. Supplemental Taxes totaled \$11,333.

The Board after a careful review and discussion, voted 2-0-0 to transfer \$150,000 from the Allowance for Abatements and Exemption Account. (Overlay) to Overlay Surplus.

The Board reviewed and discussed the schedule and timeline for the completion of the FY 2024 State Mandated Interim adjustment of values. Based upon residential sales in Walpole in 2022, it is estimated that the average single family assessment will increase by 10.71 % for FY 2024. (From \$663,600 to \$734,653) an increase of (\$71,053).

The Board discussed the Massachusetts Assessors Fall Educational Conference being held in Southbridge, MA on October 19th & 20th.