

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Monday, January 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

Present: Mike Motta and Jeff Field.

Absent: Sue Parker.

Call to order: Mike Motta called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. The clerk then read a statement describing orders by the Governor suspending the Open Meeting Law and permitting the holding of meetings via remote participation during the coronavirus pandemic. Also, in conformance with these orders, all votes taken during this meeting were by roll call.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Motta, to approve the minutes of the open session of the January 4, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Motta, to approve (but not release) the minutes of the executive session of the January 4, 2021 meeting, with one wording correction. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

No new information was available for the two items under this heading, which were Farm Animal Excise Tax and Exemption and Deferral Limits.

New Business

There were no items under this heading.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

- The Assistant Assessor provided an update on the response to date to Second Home Personal Property information requests.
- Mr. Motta provided additional information on the flyover/reconnaissance programs available for detecting building and other changes on properties. Cartographic Associates will be contacted to see if they have experience working with Nearmap or Pushpin and what insight they may have.

Report of Assistant Assessor

- a. Letters to be sent to four property owners were reviewed. These letters touched on observations of how their property was mapped versus how their deeds described their properties. Board members reviewed and adjusted the language on these letters and then approved them to be sent.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Motta, to enter into executive session to comply with the provisions of any general or special law; specifically, to discuss Real Estate and Personal Property abatement applications which are not open to public inspection (per M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 60) and to return to open session afterward. The Assistant Assessor noted there were no Personal Property abatements, and asked Mr. Motta if there was any new information regarding the Appellate Tax Board cases since those were also listed as

potential topics. Mr. Motta said there was no new information on those items. When polled, the members voted as follows: Field – Aye, Motta – Aye.

Results of Executive Session

No decisions were rendered to report.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Motta, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor