

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Monday, November 22, 2021
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

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Present: Mike Motta and Jeff Field were present via Zoom. Paul Sadeck was present at the Town Hall.

Absent: None.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m. In conformance with these orders, all votes taken during this meeting were by roll call. The meeting was recorded by Mr. Sadeck.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, to approve the Executive Session minutes of November 8th, but not release the same. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to approve the Open Session minutes of November 8th. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- The Board of Selectmen posted the Senior Clerk vacancy, 20 hours per week, internally. As there were no internal candidates, the position is now posted publicly. Interviews are scheduled for December 6th. Mr. Sadeck stated he would participate in the interviews. Mr. Motta stated he may, also.
- Ellen Blanchard has been finishing up her work at the Crystal Springs School.
- A date and time for inspecting Cathedral Camp has been established. Cathedral Camp will be inspected Friday, December 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

New Business

Discussion was held on the upcoming Classification Hearing to be held Monday, November 29th. The Assistant Assessor reported the Gateway forms are progressing through the various departments, and most everything appears to be on track. The only outstanding item is the value of personal property for Amazon – Fall River has a number (approximately \$6,000,000.00), but could not clarify if it was for one or both communities. Mr. Motta asked if Amazon had filed a Form of List, and the Assistant Assessor responded that they had not. Mr. Motta reviewed the standing of companies that do not file the Form of List if they then try to file with the Appellate Tax Board. Mr. Sadeck suggested using the number \$2,400,000.00 as the value, estimating it to be 40% of the \$6,000,00.00 figure based on 60% of the facility being in Fall River and 40% being in Assonet. Mr. Motta suggested contacting Atty. Matt Thomas, whom he believed was involved with the Amazon project for Fall River.

[Subsequent to this meeting, additional information was received regarding the firm value and allocation between communities which then allowed for a value of \$2,364,490.00 to be assigned.]

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

The Assistant Assessor polled the members as to who would be attending the Bristol County Assessors annual meeting at White's. Mr. Field was unable to attend, Mr. Sadeck was a probable yes, Mr. Motta was a yes.

Executive Session

There being no new information to discuss, no items were taken up under this heading.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor