

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Monday, October 25, 2021
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

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 3:05 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. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021. The motion carried 2-0-0 (Mr. Motta was not yet present).

Old Business

- An update was given on the clerical vacancy. The Conservation Commission has hired someone for its part-time opening who is only interested in working part-time, so that leaves this position as a standalone 20-hour position. The Town Administrator has proposed filling out the time with a floating clerk, so that the position will be 20 hours for the Assessors, 16 hours floating. All present were supportive of this arrangement.
- Ellen Blanchard has been making great progress on the properties at Crystal Springs, both on Narrows Road and Cliff Drive.
- There has been no progress on setting up a meeting at Cathedral Camp. Although the Diocese was informed that the board members are only available evenings and Sunday afternoons, their offered times were primarily weekday mornings, and they stated they would need several weeks to make other arrangements. The Diocese also maintains that an inspection is not necessary as they state they are using the camp buildings. The Diocese will be contacted again after Veterans Day.

New Business

No items taken up under this heading.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

The Assistant Assessor informed the board members he may take most of the week of November 8th off. Mr. Field asked how this would affect the tax rate hearing on November 15th. If the hearing moves forward as scheduled, accommodations will be made.

Executive Session

Motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session to comply with the provisions of any general or special law; specifically, to discuss Real Estate and Personal Property exemption, abatement, and deferral applications which are not open to public inspection (per M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 60); and also, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's

litigating position, specifically for Appellate Tax Board cases where the appellant is SunRaise Investments, LLC; and/or Twin Boys, LLC; and to return to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Results of Executive Session

Results of decisions made were announced as follows:

Deferral Application (41A)	Denied, due to income exceeding the threshold.
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Exemption Application (17D)	Denied, due to assets exceeding the threshold.
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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 3:48 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor