

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Monday, April 11, 2022
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

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Present: Jeff Field was present via Zoom; Paul Sadeck was present at the meeting.

Absent: Mike Motta.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 3:02 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 both sets of minutes of the meeting held March 14, 2022, but to not release the Executive Session minutes at this time. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

No items were taken up under these headings.

New Business

The first item taken up under New Business was to reorganize the board following the April 4th election. A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, that Mr. Field chair the board for the ensuing year. The Assistant Assessor explained that the chairman also serves in the Tax Increment Financing Board and the Taxation Aid Committee; Mr. Field acknowledged he understood this. The vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Two requests were received for extensions to file the Form of List for FY23, one from a homeowner for second home personal property, the other from Spring/T-Mobile attributed to a misunderstanding of the filing deadline following state action. In both cases, the requesting party acknowledged the form was late and requested the extension. A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to grant both requested extensions. The motion carried unanimously.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

The Assistant Assessor took the opportunity to acknowledge Timm McIntosh's great help during the end of March when the Assistant Assessor was absent. Mr. McIntosh kept the office running smoothly and efficiently during that time.

Mr. Field asked the results of the ballot question related to Farm Animal Excise. The Assistant Assessor stated that the ballot question passed, which means we will continue to not assess this tax.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, 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); to discuss Returns of Property Held for Charitable Purposes which are not open to public inspection (per M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 32); and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's litigating position, namely Marie's Way Solar 1, LLC vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Freetown, Braley Road Solar 4, LLC vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Freetown, and Jorge & Tammy Silva vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Freetown; and to return to open session afterward. When polled, the members voted as follows: Field – Aye, Motta – Absent, Sadeck – Aye.

Results of Executive Session

Results of decisions made were announced as follows:

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| #004 | 93 County Road, East Freetown | Granted, with a reduction in value of \$43,700. |
| #005 | 19 Flagg Swamp Road, East Freetown | Granted, with a reduction in value of \$134,800. |
| #007 | 14 Washburn Road, East Freetown | Granted, with a reduction in value of \$109,200. |
| #009 | 2 County Road, East Freetown | Granted, with a reduction in value of \$107,861 for one year only, representing the completion status of construction on June 30, 2021. |

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor