

**Freetown Board of Assessors**  
Minutes of Thursday, October 13, 2022  
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

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

**Absent:** None.

**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.

**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 abatement and exemption applications which are not open to public inspection, 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, Bullock Freetown Solar 1 vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Freetown, Sunraise Investments, LLC vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Freetown, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Freetown, and NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy 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 – Aye, Sadeck – Aye.

**Results of Executive Session**

There were no decisions rendered to report.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 12, 2022, both the open and executive sessions, but not to release the minutes of the Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

- ♦ The counter and shelves are scheduled to arrive before the end of October.
- ♦ The funding for the half-time floating clerk is included on the warrant for the special town meeting to be held on October 18th.

**New Business**

- ♦ No business was taken up under this item.

**Any Other Business Properly Before the Board**

- ♦ The Assistant Assessor reported recently learning that the Assessors must charge \$6.00 to prepare rollback taxes for Chapter 61A and Chapter 61B properties, but not Chapter 61 properties.

- ◆ Information regarding the coexistence of solar farms and Chapter 61A properties was recapped from the recent conference held at Lombardo's. Mr. Motta added additional information. There is a threshold that must be met; it is not the local assessors who will determine if the coexistence qualifies, but state agencies.
- ◆ Extensive, but informal, discussion was held on the proposed debt exclusion to pay for the construction of the new Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School. Both the school construction and a vote to formally join the Bristol-Plymouth district are on the October 18th town meeting warrant.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. Motta, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Assessor