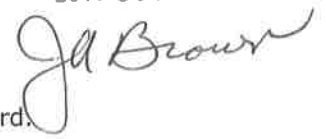


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Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Benjamin R. Evans Map Room — Town Hall — Assonet, Mass.

Present: Mike Motta and Sue Parker. There is presently one vacancy on the board.

Call to order: Sue Parker called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Discussion of Office Staffing Needs

General discussion was held on staffing needs in the office, both short-term and long-term. At the present time, things will be left as-is. The Assessors, Selectmen, and Town Administrator will remain in contact to sort out what needs to be accomplished and when.

Meet with Town Administrator – Vacancy on Board of Assessors

David DeManche, Town Administrator, was present along with Lisa Pacheco, chairman of the Personnel Board, to discuss the current vacancy on the Board of Assessors and the process for filling the vacancy. The vacancy resulted from Sheila Scaduto moving out-of-town.

The remaining Assessors should meet with any interested candidates and prepare a recommendation for the Board of Selectmen. The appointment should be made by majority vote of a joint meeting of both boards. Any person taking the position would serve until the expiration of Mrs. Scaduto's term in April 2020. Mrs. Parker mentioned that Jeff Field previously expressed an interest in discussing the vacancy with the remaining members and had been scheduled to attend the August 26th Assessors' meeting for that purpose, but a quorum was not achieved. Mrs. Pacheco stated that if the board was agreeable to Mr. Field as a candidate, they could recommend him for appointment.

Mr. Field appeared at 4:55, having known that this meeting was scheduled after the August 26th meeting was not held. Mr. DeManche and Mrs. Pacheco departed the meeting at 5:00. Mr. Field remained and discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Assessors with Mr. Motta and Mrs. Parker. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Field indicated he was willing to try the position through the April 2020 election. A motion was made by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Motta, to recommend that Mr. Field be appointed to fill the vacancy. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned without vote at 5:58 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: 
Senior Clerk