

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Monday, November 14, 2022
New Police Station, 15 Memorial Drive, East Freetown

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Present: Jeff Field and Paul Sadeck were present in person; Mike Motta was present by phone.

Absent: None.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Mr. Sadeck.

All votes taken during this meeting were by roll call.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, to approve the minutes of the meetings held October 24, 2022, and October 27, 2022, both the open and executive sessions, but not to release the minutes of the Executive sessions. The motion carried 2-0-0, as Mr. Motta was not yet present.

Old Business

- ♦ The counter and shelves were installed on Friday, November 4th. Both assessors present commented on the quality, as did Deb Pettey, Town Administrator, who was also present. Additional bookshelves will be priced out in the spring if funds are available.

New Business

The Board of Assessors, together with Ms. Pettey and Selectman Carlos Lopes, interviewed three candidates for the position of Senior Clerk, the hours to be divided partly between the Board of Assessors and partly as a floating clerk. Mr. Motta was present for the interviews. The order of interviews as follows:

- ♦ Gemma Devine
- ♦ Deanna Hayes
- ♦ Stephanie Costa

Each candidate was introduced to the board by Mr. Field and was asked a series of questions primarily by the Assistant Assessor and by Mr. Motta. Following the three interviews, a motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to recess for five minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon resuming, discussion was held on the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate. At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to recommend Deanna Hayes for the position. The motion carried unanimously.

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 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 and Braley Road Solar 4, LLC vs. Board of Assessors of the

Town of Freetown; and not 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.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

The Assistant Assessor provided brief information on an error with the Form of List filing for Copart of Connecticut, Inc., which was discovered earlier in the day. Copart has subsequently reported more equipment on the premises than reported originally, having erroneously reported this equipment in Mendon. Consensus was to correct the account to show the additional equipment.

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 4:45 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor