

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Tuesday, July 7, 2020
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

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J. Brown

Present: Jeff Field and Sue Parker.

Absent: Mike Motta.

Call to order: Sue Parker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mrs. Parker, to approve the minutes of June 10th. The motion carried 2-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mrs. Parker, to approve the minutes of the June 10th Executive Session, but not yet release the minutes. The motion carried 2-0-0.

Report of Clerk

- a. The position of Assistant Assessor was advertised as an in-house posting as required under town/union agreed practice. The Assessors, under M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 25A, are the appointing authority for the Assistant Assessor. The only applicant was the incumbent Senior Clerk, Mike McCue.
- b. Discussion was held on the process of setting the job description and filling the position of Assistant Assessor. Mr. Field asked if the Board of Selectmen had been sent the letter voted at the previous meeting, and the clerk replied that the letter had indeed been sent. Sending that letter triggered the in-house posting. It was acknowledged that filling this position did not change the Assessors' stance of support for pursuing the "Director of Assessing" position. A motion was then made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mrs. Parker, to appoint Mr. McCue as Assistant Assessor. The motion carried unanimously. The appointment slip and "Change of Status" form were signed.
- c. The clerk reported that he had spoken with Paul Kapinos, and that the request for proposals paperwork for the reval program should be ready during the month of July.

Motor Vehicle and Boat Excise Abatement Reports

The motor vehicle abatement report for June was reviewed and signed.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

The clerk noted that 23 exemption applications had been received to date for FY21. Following up on last fall's discussion, the clerk asked if the Assessors would prefer to sign each individual application, or just a report in the winter as was done last year. Consensus was to sign a report during the winter.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mrs. Parker, 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); and to return to open session afterward. When polled, the members voted as follows: Field – Aye, Parker – Aye.

Results of Executive Session

Results of decisions made were announced as follows:

#20	39 High Street, Assonet	Approved a reduction in value of \$4,700 and an abatement of tax in the amount of \$61.19.
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Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mrs. Parker, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor