

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Monday, September 13, 2021
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

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

Absent: None.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 3:00 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. Field, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of July 26, 2021, but not to release the same. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, to approve the minutes for August 9, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

An update was given on the clerical vacancy; specifically, that the necessary article for funding will appear on the October 18th warrant, and that the contract has not yet been settled to determine the hourly rate.

No additional information was presented relative to Second Home Personal Property.

New Business

Information was provided relative to the Italian Home for Children. They vacated their properties on July 13th, and the same are supposedly up for sale.

Also discussed was the e-mail received from the Diocese of Fall River, that they have no intention of ever reopening Cathedral Camp. The question will now become, how much of the property is still in active use (such as St. John Neumann Church) and how much may warrant a second look (Cathedral Camp). The Assistant Assessor stated that he requested of the field inspector for PK Valuation Group that the buildings be measured or listed ahead of any changes.

Mr. Sadeck, as a parishioner of St. John Neumann, gave some general information about the buildings on the campus and how they are or appear to be used.

Discussion was held, primarily between the Assistant Assessor and Mr. Motta, on the extent to which PK will determine the taxability of the buildings and the land. The Assistant Assessor believed that PK will provide as much technical information as possible, but that the Board of Assessors will need to visit the property and make actual determinations. Board members were polled as to their availability – weekday evenings and Sundays generally prevailed. An attempt will be made to schedule a visit through the Diocese.

Discussion was next held on the Crystal Springs School. Similar to Cathedral Camp, many of the buildings at Crystal Springs have not been measured or listed. The Building Department likewise has questions about which

buildings are actually on which parcels and at which addresses, and it was determined that the addresses used by Crystal Springs do not match those used by the Town. The important difference is, unlike Cathedral Camp, Crystal Springs is not closing. It is simply not thoroughly reviewed. Mr. Motta had immediate concerns about E-911. The Assistant Assessor mentioned that this is the type of project Ellen Blanchard had previously expressed a willingness to come back for. A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, to see if Mrs. Blanchard would return and conduct a measure/list at Crystal Springs. The motion carried unanimously.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

It was noted that the field inspector for PK Valuation Group has begun permit and personal property work in town. This will go on for several weeks.

Executive Session

No items were taken up under this heading.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor