

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

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- Present:** Jeff Field and Paul Sadeck was present at the Town Hall. Zoom was running, but there were no attendees on that platform.
- Absent:** Mike Motta.
- 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

This item was passed over.

Old Business

No items were taken up under this heading.

New Business

- A request was received from the Board of Selectmen to release a portion of the Overlay. Deb Pettey, Town Administrator, discussed the desire to free up funds ahead of the June town meetings so that the Capital Stabilization Fund could be bolstered. Kim Fales, Town Accountant, added that the substantial amount of money in the Overlay is impacting the town's free cash figures. Once Paul Kapinos' people have finished their field work in the fall, the fall town meeting has generally already passed, so excess growth is being realized in Overlay as the opportunity to spend it has passed.

Both Ms. Pettey and Ms. Fales asked if the board would be comfortable releasing up to \$1,500,000. Mr. Field stated he would be in favor of this based on the conversation so far. Mr. Sadeck asked for clarification on the outstanding amounts due, and the liability from pending abatements and appeals. Ms. Fales stated the outstanding taxes are approximately \$480,000; and the outstanding Appellate Tax Board liability is approximately \$1,756,000. She felt there was more than enough available at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to release \$1,500,000 from the Overlay account for use at the upcoming town meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

- Owing to this being the last anticipated meeting of the fiscal year, the other item under this heading was to reappoint the Assistant Assessor for the year ensuing. A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to reappoint Mike McCue as the Assistant Assessor for the fiscal year 2023. The motion carried unanimously, and the appointment slip was signed.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

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 3:17 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor