

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Friday, January 23, 2023
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

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

Absent: None.

Others: Deb Pettey, Jeff Blake, Tom McEnaney, Skip Sansoucy, and Matt Sansoucy.

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 previous meeting, both Open and Executive sessions, but not to release the Executive Session minutes. The motion carried 2-0-0, as Mr. Motta had not yet joined the meeting.

New Business

Board members reviewed the proposed FY24 budget, and the rollback tax prepared for Jeff DeMoranville (Gurney Farm). No issues were raised with either document.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Motta, 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 also, to comply with the provisions of any general or special law; specifically, to discuss Real Estate and Personal Property exemption and/or 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, Motta – Absent, Sadeck – Aye. [Note: Mr. Motta attended a portion of the Executive Session, but no portions of the Open Session.]

Results of Executive Session

Results of decisions made were announced as follows:

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| #001 | Baker Lot, East Freetown | Taxes were abated for the portion of the fiscal year during which the Commonwealth has owned the property. |
| #006 | 110 Copicut Road, Assonet | Granted. |

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to adjourn. The motion carried 2-0-0 as Mr. Motta had left the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor