

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Tuesday, February 14, 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.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 1:05 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 February 6, 2023, 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.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

- ♦ A request was received from Nexstar Media requesting an extension of time to file their Form of List. The Assistant Assessor noted they have requested this in the past, and the request has been granted in the past. A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to allow Nexstar to file until April 30th. The motion carried unanimously.
- ♦ A request was received from the Town Administrator to move funds for the part-time clerk from the Assessors budget to the Town Administrator budget in FY24. The reasoning is that because the remainder of the clerk's time is spent as the floating clerk, this would allow her to be paid out of a single budget. A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Field, to agree to this change, with the caveat that our staffing should not be unreasonably reduced. 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 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 also, 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, Braley Road Solar 4, LLC vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Freetown, and DH-MA Solar Owner 1, LLC v. Freetown (107 Chace Road and 164 Quanapoag Road); and to return to open session afterward. When polled, the members voted as follows: Field – Aye, Motta – Absent, Sadeck – Aye.

Results of Executive Session

Results of decisions made were announced as follows:

#004 10 Quitticus Avenue, East Freetown Denied.

#010	5 Lang Road, East Freetown	Denied.
#011	106 Copicut Road, Assonet	Granted. Value reduced as a DCR deed restriction renders the lot unbuildable at this time.
#013	46 Winfield Street, East Freetown	Denied.
#019	22 Keene Road, East Freetown	Denied.
#025	25 Chipaway Road, East Freetown	Denied.
#026	PP-GM-TOW	Granted.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Sadeck, seconded by Mr. Motta, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Assistant Assessor