

Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Wednesday, October 16, 2019
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Present: Mike Motta, Sue Parker, and Jeff Field.
Guests: Kim Fales (Town Accountant), Ellen Blanchard (consultant)
Call to order: Mike Motta called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Meet with Town Accountant

Ms. Fales and the board members introduced themselves. General discussion was held as to the operations of the office and to the engagement of Mrs. Blanchard's services as a consultant. Ms. Fales reminded the members that a purchase order would be needed, and recommended seeking a transfer request to cover a portion of the cost. Mr. Field asked how often Mrs. Blanchard would be billing, and Mrs. Blanchard stated monthly would be fine. Mrs. Parker asked to clarify when Mrs. Blanchard would begin work in Hanover. Mrs. Blanchard replied January, with a flexible start date.

Ms. Fales asked about the DLS Gateway system, and who would be officially submitting forms. As of right now, it has been Mike McCue; he and Mrs. Blanchard both have access. Mr. Motta felt that it should be a member of the board. Consensus was to have forms submitted during meetings for the time being, so that all would be familiar with the process.

As a general update, Mrs. Blanchard informed the members that PK has finished the real estate work, and is nearing the finish line on the personal property work.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Field, to enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's litigating position; specifically, *Marie's Way Solar 1, LLC vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Freetown, ATB Docket No. F336778*; and to return to open session afterward. When polled, the members voted as follows: Motta – Aye, Parker – Aye, Field – Aye.

Open Session Resumed / Other Business

The board returned to open session to report that no final decisions were made in executive session.

A request was received from the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District to meet with the Board of Assessors relative to their land in East Freetown. They will be invited to attend one of the December meetings.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Field, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

This is a True Record by me. Attest: *Michael T. McCue*, Senior Clerk