

Town of Dedham

Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 6:00PM

Present: Richard Schoenfeld, Chairman, Chris Polito, Vice Chairman, Cheryl Sullivan, Clerk, Richard Henderson, Director of Assessments, Kevin Doyle, Assistant Director of Assessments

Meeting called to order at 6:15PM in the Selectmen's Chamber by the Chairman, Mr. Schoenfeld.

No members of the public attended the meeting; therefore no public comment.

The Board reviewed, approved and signed Meeting Minutes from November 29, 2018.

The Board then reviewed and signed excise abatements and commitments.

The Board then reviewed and signed real estate exemptions.

The Board then reviewed and signed real estate and personal property abatements. Mr. Henderson stated that the Board will meet again in a few weeks to review the next group of real estate abatement applications once the Assessor's Office has had ample time to review them and schedule any inspections deemed necessary.

Under Old/New Business, Mr. Polito informed the Board that he has pulled a marker for the Spring Town Meeting in regards to moving the Director of Assessments back under the Board of Assessors. Mr. Polito stated he has been in discussion with the Board of Health and the Planning Board as these two Boards are looking to do the same. The Board of Health and Planning Board were originally thinking to put this on the agenda at the Fall Town Meeting. However, Mr. Polito stated he felt the Spring Town Meeting would be a more appropriate time with the recent announcement of Town Manager Jim Kern's retirement. With the Town Manager leaving, the recent departure of Miriam Johnson, as the Director of Human Resources, as well as 2 new Board of Selectmen seats opening up in April, it is evident that with a lot of uncertainty unfolding this Spring, it would be more opportune time to put it on the ballot for the Spring Town Meeting. Mr. Schoenfeld and Ms. Sullivan both agreed. Mr. Polito stated he will follow up with the Board of Health and the Planning Board members to see if they are in agreement for this Spring Meeting over waiting for the Fall Meeting and will follow up with the Board of Assessors.

Having no other Old/New Business to discuss, Mr. Polito made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Ms. Sullivan. At 6:45pm, Mr. Schoenfeld adjourned the meeting.