

Town of Dedham

Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 5:30PM

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

Meeting called to order at 5:35PM by the Chairman, Mr. Polito.

Mr. Polito lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, no members of the public were on the teleconference, therefore no further public comments.

The Board reviewed and approved the Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2021 as well as from November 24, 2021.

Next on the agenda was to review a Notice of Intent to Convert pursuant M.G.L. C.61A, S14 and approve the release for 3 parcels of land; Map 83 Parcel 5B, Map 66 Parcel 2, and Map 66 Parcel 7. The Board reviewed the Notice of Intent that was delivered and received by the Town of Dedham on November 16, 2020, whereby the Town did not record the notice of exercise nor the notice of assignment within the 120 day period following receipt of said notice, which according to the law is evidence that the Town has not exercised it's option. Mr. Polito recommended making a motion to vote to sign the Notice of Intent. Mr. Schoenfeld made the motion which was second by Ms. Sullivan. All Board Members voted unanimously in favor of signing the Notice of Intent.

The Board then reviewed, approved and signed the excise tax abatements.

The Board reviewed, approved and signed real estate tax exemptions.

At 5:45PM, Mr. Polito recommended making a motion to suspend the meeting to enter into Executive Session under Mass General Laws, in particular, to act on requests for tax abatements (see attached list). Mr. Schoenfeld made the motion. The motion was second by Ms. Sullivan. The regular meeting will reconvene at the end of the Executive Session and an Announcement of Action Taken will be recorded (see attached).

At 6:05PM, the Board returned to the Assessor's Office and reconvened back to the regular meeting. Mr. Henderson stated that there were 41 abatement applications filed this year. All

applications were reviewed and voted on. 24 abatements were granted and 17 applications were denied. The Announcement of Action Taken is attached. Mr. Henderson also stated that if anyone is looking for a notification to contact the Assessor's Office. Otherwise, notices will be mailed out within 7-10 business days.

Last on the Agenda is Old/New Business. Mr. Polito reminded everyone that he is running as a candidate for the School Committee in the upcoming election with a total of 8 candidates in a close race. Mr. Polito wanted to let everyone know that if he should win one of the three seats, that he has thoroughly enjoyed his 7 years on the Board of Assessors and working with everyone on the Board and in the Department. Mr. Henderson stated that Mr. Polito has been a valuable asset to the Department and played an important role on the Board of Assessors. Mr. Henderson wished him luck and stated that his seat will leave big holes to fill, but that the School Committee would be lucky to have him should he win in the upcoming election. The same sentiments were expressed by Mr. Schoenfeld, Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Doyle.

Having no other Old/New Business to discuss, Mr. Schoenfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Ms. Sullivan. At 6:10PM, Mr. Polito adjourned the meeting.