Town of Dedham

Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 5:30PM

Present: Cheryl Sullivan, Madam Chair, Richard Schoenfeld, Vice Chair, Mike Polito, Secretary

Kevin Doyle, Director of Assessments

Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by the Ms. Sullivan.

Ms. Sullivan led 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 April 21, 2021.

Next on the Agenda was the addition of Michael Polito who was recently appointed to the Board of Assessors. Ms. Sullivan spoke on behalf of the Board of Assessors and welcomed Mr. Polito to his first official meeting and is looking forward to working with him. Mr. Schoenfeld concurred with Ms. Sullivan's sentiments.

Next on the agenda was the recent retirement of the previous Director of Assessments, Rick Henderson. Ms. Sullivan stated that the Board thoroughly enjoyed working with Mr. Henderson over the years and will surely be missed. Ms. Sullivan stated that the Board is in good hands with the new Director of Assessments, Kevin Doyle, whom was the previous Assistant Director under Mr. Henderson and looking forward to working with Mr. Doyle in his new capacity as Director. Mr. Schoenfeld also stated that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Henderson over the years and looks forward to working with Mr. Doyle as well.

With the recent promotion of Mr. Doyle, from Assistant Director of Assessments to Director, it now leaves a vacancy in the position of Assistant Director of Assessments. Mr. Doyle stated that the position was posted internally and that there was only one applicant for the position at this time and believe that applicant is the only qualified person within Town Hall for the position for Assistant Director of Assessments as the position requires the MAA certification and interviews will be held very soon. At this time, Mr. Polito made a motion to end the discussion, which was second by Mr. Schoenfeld. Ms. Sullivan called for a vote to end the discussion. All members voted unanimously in favor to end the discussion.

Next on the Agenda was the discussion and vote for the Director of Assessments, Mr. Doyle, to sign on behalf of the Board of Assessors for required forms from the DOR Gateway system, which came as a recommendation from the DOR. Having no questions or discussion on this topic, Mr. Polito made a motion to approve the vote for Mr. Doyle to sign on behalf of the Board of Assessors for required forms from the DOR Gateway system. Mr. Schoenfeld second the motion. Ms. Sullivan called for a vote, which was voted unanimously in favor.

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

Having no other Old/New Business to discuss, Mr. Schoenfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Mr. Polito. At 6:15PM, Ms. Sullivan adjourned the meeting.