

Board of Assessors
Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room & Remote via go to meeting
October 5, 2022
10:45 am

Members Present: Helen Townsend, Tim Hammond, Laurie Kraemer
Terri Longtine, Sec'y

Interested Parties: Ed Carlson

Opened Meeting: 10:45 am

Approved Minutes: July 6, 2022 (TH) moved to approved (TH) 2nd. All in favor.

On 7/27/22 – The Selectboard passed over appointment of Laurie Kramer to the Board of Assessors. They are waiting to hear back if it's a conflict of interest for her to be on the board because she is an active real estate agent in Princeton and surrounding towns.

Laurie contacted Mike McDonald of the MA Ethics Commission. He presented her with guidelines and stated that it is not a conflict if the guidelines are followed. Correspondence from the Ethics Commission were forwarded to the TA and SB. On 8/10/22 the SB voted 2-0 to appoint Laurie to the BOA with a term ending at the next election – May 2023. Board welcomed Laurie

Abatements: Ed Carlson discussed assessed value of his 19.4 acre property on Old Mill Rd. He had stopped by the office previously and spoke with Roy Bishop. Roy reviewed the data and made some changes to reduce the value, which would be reflected on the FY'23 data moving forward. (EC) was not satisfied with the changes and proceeded to give a brief history of his experience in acquiring the land and trying to sell it. (EC) stated that the City of Worcester was interested in the property and they had an appraisal done. It was significantly lower than the assessed value. The board requested the appraisal report. (EC) stated that he would put a package together and get it to the board to review. (TH) stated that the abatement application will be extended and the board would like to walk the land as well. This agenda item will be continued at next meeting on October 25, 2022.

FY 2023 Values: Roy Bishop from Bishop & Associates submitted the FY 2023 Values and NE Power Value Reports to the board for review. After review and discussion, (TH) moved to accept values as stated (HT) 2nd. AIF.

Principal Assessor Resume: No new applicants.

Adjourn: 11:45 am

Next Meeting: October 25, 2022