

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

March 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Grace Sullivan, Chairperson, with Diane Snow, Secretary, Suzanne Bergeron, Member and Ashlie Brown, City Assessor in attendance.

Suzanne moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting, which Diane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation: None.

Bills Payable: Forms approved and signed

Old Business: None,

New Business:

- a. Ashlie went over the new agenda for board meetings as presented by the City Secretary's office.
- b. Meghan Bristol from the law office joined the meeting to discuss the Verizon settlement proposal for FY23-27. The settlement that was sent in needs to be corrected so there will be no vote until the April meeting. This proposal was agreed upon by the DOR Commissioner and Verizon and needs to be approved by a majority of the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The Board of Assessors has the authority to accept the settlement. The major advantage of this proposal is that there will be no option for challenges to the assessment so that the final figure will remain the same and can be safely included in the City's budget.
- c. Diane moved to accept the North Road portions of 66R-13 and 66R-12 rollback/release, which Suzanne seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- d. Suzanne moved to approve the motor vehicle abatements, real estate and personal property abatements from the February meeting, which Diane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

City Assessor Report:

Training- Michelle is talking a week long webinar course in assessing, and Barb will be talking a course in Certified Assessing Administration.


Budget- Ashlie met with the Mayor and he did not cut any money from our proposed budget. We had money in the budget to cover the training costs and new furniture for the office.


Replacing Assistant Assessor- Ashlie feels that current staff can move up to new positions and has put in a posting that will have to be externally posted for 30 days.

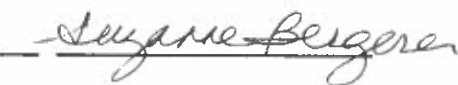
New assessments- Ashlie is on the Finance committee and has reported that assessments will go up due to the sale prices of homes in the city. The City has spent \$3800 on a contract with Push-Pin, a company that will provide aerial photos of homes and companies in the city which will free this department from outside inspections of homes.

Grace moved to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A section 21(a) (7) and M.G.L. c. 59 section 60 to discuss and possibility vote on applications for abatements and exemptions. Suzanne seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. It was noted that the Board will not return to regular session at the conclusion of the executive session.

The regular Board meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.


Grace Sullivan


Diane Snow


Suzanne Bergeron