

Board of Assessors Minutes

11/6/2023 at 6:00PM

1. Meeting brought to order at 6:03 PM. In attendance were Rebecca Dono Healy, Tom Martiska, David Manzello, and Jack Valleli, with Van Baker attending via Zoom.
2. Rebecca moved to approve the October meeting minutes with a change to the wording of line item #5. Tom seconded. The vote was 3-0 in favor.
3. The importance of a reliable base of data in assessment cannot be overstated. The Board is pleased to hear that we are in a better position to understand changes occurring demographically with regard to assessment and sales.
4. While paper records are less important nowadays, it's important that we have accessible records for the inevitable records requests.
5. The settlement in the case of Skritakis v. Boylston (65 Perry) reflects only a change in construction completion percentage as of July 1, 2022. It is not a substantive change in the finished value of the property. This is an acceptable compromise, the Board agreed.
6. The preliminary tax rate of \$13.81/thousand has been approved by the State, and proceeded to the Selectmen, also on November 6, and there it was also approved.
7. The Board is pleased to hear that so much of the year-end work has proceeded smoothly.
8. Rebecca moved to approve qualifying exemption applications as a batch. Tom seconded, with Van abstaining. Nine Chapter 22, three Chapter 41Cs, and 2 CPA exemptions were thus approved 2-0-1.
9. Tom moved to adjourn at 6:39 PM. Rebecca seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.