

## **Board of Assessors Minutes**

**5/9/2022 at 6:00 PM**

1. Meeting brought to order at 6:19 PM. In attendance were Van Baker, Tom Martiska, Town Administrator April Steward, Jack Valleli (arrived at 6:35), and Rebecca Dono Healy and Amy Evanowski by Zoom.
2. Waiving the established agenda for the moment, Rebecca Dono Healy made a motion to enter a closed session to speak with the Town Administrator and a constituent regarding Habitat for Humanity. The motion was seconded by Tom Martiska and passed unanimously. This session continued until 7:40 PM, with Amy Evanowski leaving at 7:00 due to another commitment.
3. At this time, Van Baker made a motion to close the closed session, seconded by Rebecca Dono Healy, passing 3-0.
4. The board read the prior meeting's minutes. Tom Martiska moved to accept the minutes as written, with Van baker seconding. The vote was 3-0 in favor.
5. Regarding the FedEx facility property, Jack Valleli relayed Amy's report from her colleague: that the property is indeed worth more than the current assessment; in the \$74 million range, which is in line with the Buthray valuation for the property the Town already solicited. Therefore, Amy recommends that the Board raise the value of the FedEx facility to this standard, as she believes that there are sufficient grounds to do so defensibly. The Board agreed with the proposed valuation.
6. Regarding CAI tax maps, the Board was pleased to hear that CAI is keeping the schedule they initially set, and are looking forward to the new GIS integration.

7. Regarding 3ABC submissions, Rebecca Dono Healy abstained from all votes due to not being physically present, electing to examine the submissions at a later date. Tom Martiska and Van Baker reviewed the 3ABC submissions of the following organizations:
- Sudbury Valley Trustees- APPROVED 2-0 in favor with one abstention.
  - Worcester County Horticultural Society- APPROVED 2-0 in favor with one abstention.
  - Greater Worcester Land Trust- APPROVED 2-0 in favor with one abstention.
  - Shalin Liu Wildlife Sanctuary Foundation- APPROVED 2-0 in favor with one abstention.
  - Shalin Liu Wildlife Sanctuary Foundation (2)- APPROVED 2-0 in favor with one abstention.
  - New England Forestry Foundation- APPROVED 2-0 in favor with one abstention.
8. The Board was pleased to hear that we are capturing the last of the properties we missed for inspection.
9. The Board was pleased to hear that we are close to finishing supplemental tax billing, and were happy to hear that we were forecasting a total revenue of 20-50k for the commitment.
10. The Board was pleased to hear that motor vehicle excise is on track for the year.
11. Jack informed the Board that the office also plans to pull the preliminary real estate commitment this month, something not found on the agenda. Since we are doing so well with excise and the supplementals, this should not be an issue.
12. Van Baker moved to adjourn at 8:04 PM, seconded by Tom Martiska. The vote was 3-0 in favor.