

Minutes

Board of Assessors

Room 105

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

5:00 PM

The meeting convened at 5:00 PM in Room 105. Present were: Board members: Mary Greendale, chair, and Stephen Wang. Absent: Jeffrey Marshall. Staff: Kevin Rudden.

1. Mary Greendale made a motion, seconded by Stephen Wang, to approve the meeting minutes for the August 23, 2022 meeting. The motion carried 2-0-1.
2. Kevin Rudden updated the board on the ongoing discussions with New England Appliance Group of Franklin for a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement to re-locate NEAG's headquarters/warehouse from Franklin to Hopping Brook Road: On September 7, 2022, the Select Board unanimously approved placing an article on the fall Special Town Meeting warrant to vote on the TIF.

Board members reviewed a statement in support of the TIF warrant article that was drafted by Mary Greendale, and decided to wait for Jeffrey Marshall to be at a board meeting before voting on it.

3. Kevin Rudden gave board members an update on Fiscal Year 2023 valuation efforts. Calendar year 2021's sales have been through two stratifications and then were checked to ensure they comply with the Department of Revenue's guidelines.
4. Kevin Rudden updated the board on the abatement for 6 Trailside Court: The abatement check was picked up by condo owner Jessica Gallagher at the Treasurer/Collector's office on September 7, 2022

5. The board deferred discussion on a revised hardship abatement policy until Jeffrey Marshall could be at a board meeting.
6. Kevin Rudden updated the board on purchasing hardware/software with ARPA funding: Quotes were received, with Data Cloud being the lowest cost option. The company will be sending a contract to the town for review.
7. Board members reviewed the PILOT agreement for the solar array on the former Bird property on Marshall Street, which calls for payments of \$147169 a year for 20 years. Mary Greendale made a motion, seconded by Stephen Wang, to approve the PILOT. The motion carried 2-0-1.
8. Kevin Rudden updated the board on the status of Fiscal Year 23 valuations: Personal Property and Commercial/Industrial values will be ready for board members to review at their September 20, 2022 meeting. Residential values should be ready for review at the Board's September 27, 2022 meeting.

Stephen Wang made a motion, seconded by Mary Greendale, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. The motion carried 2-0-1.