

Minutes

Board of Assessors

Room 105

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

5:00 PM

The meeting convened at 5:00 PM in Room 105. Present were: Board members: Mary Greendale, chair, and Jeffrey Marshall (via Zoom). Staff: Kevin Rudden.

1. Jeffrey Marshall made a motion, seconded by Mary Greendale, to approve the regular session meeting minutes and the executive session meeting minutes for the November 1, 2022 meeting, including releasing the executive session minutes to the public. The motion carried 2-0-1 (Stephen Wang was not present.).
2. Jeffrey Marshall made a motion, seconded by Mary Greendale, to approve Chapter 61 renewal application #2. The motion carried 2-0-1.
3. Kevin Rudden said the owners of Highland Farm have requested to meet with the board at 5:15 PM on November 22, 2022 to discuss their Chapter 61 renewal application. The board members approved that request.
4. Review and approval of 18 pending exemption applications was deferred until the board's November 22, 2022 meeting, so that all board members could be physically present.
5. Board members discussed the Classification Hearing held by the Select Board on November 14, 2022 and offered Kevin Rudden suggestions for shortening next year's presentation.
6. Board members asked Kevin Rudden to develop written justification for his request to consider replacing the existing CAMA software system with a more efficient one.

7. Mary Greendale inquired about the status of looking at creating new assessing neighborhoods based on subdivisions to replace the existing ones based on zoning and lot sizes. Kevin Rudden said he would have proposed new neighborhoods drawn up by the end of December, 2022.
8. Board members and Kevin Rudden had a general discussion of the status of the Assessors' office and future activities. Kevin Rudden indicated his top priority, after working with the MA Department of Revenue to certify the new tax rate, would be to get tax billing abstracts to the Treasurer/Collector's office.

Jeffrey Marshall made a motion at 6:15 PM, seconded by Mary Greendale, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 2-0-1.