
MINUTES OF

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507
January 7, 2020

Note: all documents discussed at meetings are to be considered an integral part of the minutes and will be available through the Assessor's office.

Present: Nancy E. Landry, Richard Vaughan, Ted. George, Deb. Ceccarini, Director of Assessing,

Board of Assessors meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The regular scheduled Board of Assessors meeting set for Tuesday, December 19, 2019, was cancelled due to weather-related issues closing the town hall early.

No meeting minutes to accept. All outstanding meeting minutes will be acted on at the next scheduled meeting.

Nancy Landry will follow-up with Town Clerk on agenda posting issues that have occurred with the BOA agenda postings. Will report back at the next scheduled meeting.

New Business

Solar Update

All 13 ATB cases before the town have been scheduled to be heard February through April.

There was discussion concerning the action that the Town of Mattapoisett took on passing their own act similar to the ongoing legislation for wind/solar. Mattapoisett put before town meeting, using the home rule petition, to vote on an act relative to wind and solar systems legislation, similar to the ongoing legislation. The town passed this article and the article is now before the state legislation. Nancy Landry requested an update by February Board of Assessors meeting.

Motion was made by Richard Vaughan, seconded by Ted George for the Director of Assessing to acquire for the Board to review the action of the Town of Mattapoisett, and all information related, for the Board of Assessors to consider submitting an article on the wind and solar systems within the town of Charlton, on the 2020 town meeting warrant.
Vote was unanimous.

Millennium and NEC Corporation LNG Status Updates

The Board was updated by the town's hired appraiser Glenn Waker, from Sansoucy, on the status of the Millennium power plant and LNG status via conference call with the appraiser.

FY2021 Budget

Budget for FY2021 was presented. The Board made recommendations on adjustments before submission by January 8.

Motion was made by Nancy Landry, seconded by Richard Vaughan to accept the FY2021 budget with the recommended changes and submit. Vote was unanimous.

Finance Committee has issued a preliminary schedule on budget hearings. The date for the Board of Assessors will be confirmed at a later date.

Finance Department Evaluations for January 2021

The town will start conducting job performance in Calendar Year 2021.

Required Office Procedure Manuals for January 2021

All departmental positions are to create and put in place a procedural manual for each position. The Assessor's Office is required to put in place a separate procedure manual for the Director of Assessing, Assistant to the Assessor and Administrative Assistant. This item will be placed on the Board's meeting on the first Tuesday of each month to follow the process and to ensure they are in place before the recommended deadline.

New Town Administrator

The town's new town administrator will start on February 3, 2020.

Motor Vehicle Chapter 60A, Section 7 Uncollectable

Motion was made by Nancy Landry, seconded by Richard Vaughan to accept the motor vehicle chapter 60A, section 7 uncollectible for 2013-14.
Vote was unanimous.

Letter submitted by Gunther LLC for Reconsideration of Rollback Taxes

No discussion, for future meeting.

Senior Tax Work Off Program Update

The Board of Selectmen approved funding for 20 participants and up to \$1,500 in abatement from their property taxes. Runs from January 2 through November 1.

The Senior Tax Work-Off Program (MGL Chapter 59 Section 5K) gives qualifying seniors who are at least 60 years of age an opportunity to volunteer hours to a municipal department and in return, receive \$1,500 abatement from their property taxes. The program is funded for 20 participants and saves the town thousands of dollars. It not only helps participating departments with their work-load but also gives seniors a sense of purpose and well-being in addition to the monetary abatement.

Request to remove acreage from 61A Status

Motion was made by Nancy Landry, seconded by Richard Vaughan to accept the removal of 7.46 acreage out of 61A status for property located at, Parcel 57.A.19, 107 Colburn Road. Vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Nancy Landry, seconded by Richard Vaughan to accept the removal of 10 acreage out of 61A status for property located at Lot 14, Boucher Road. Vote was unanimous.

Retirement - Director of Assessing

The Board of Assessors was presented with a letter informing of her retirement affective July 1, 2020.

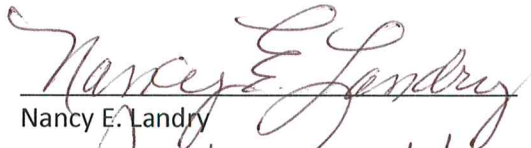
The Board did request that the proper procedures in posting the open position be verified and reported back to Board in advance of posting.

Motion was made by Nancy Landry, seconded by Richard Vaughan to accept the letter of resignation from Deborah Ceccarini, Director of Assessing, due to retirement. Vote was unanimous.

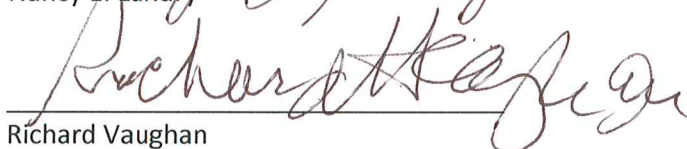
Adjournment

Motion was made by Nancy Landry seconded by Richard Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

Date approved: 1-21-2020



Nancy E. Landry



Richard Vaughan



Ted George
