

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Assessors met on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at approximately 6:01 PM. Present were Chairwoman Paula Bunker, Clerk Cheryl Smith, Member Deborah Cauley, Principal Assessor Ann Williams, and Secretary Daniela Nilsson. A video recording of the meeting was documented by Community Access Television.

The Board reviewed and signed warrants/bills payable, the Principal Assessor's retirement form, motor vehicle abatements and monthly lists. The Board reviewed the open session meeting minutes of June 21, 2023. Clerk Smith made a **motion** to accept and approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Member Cauley. Voted 3-0-0.

The Board discussed the Patriot Contract for Residential Inspections. The Principal Assessor stated she would not be around to finish the remaining inspections and had the contract revised to be for Fiscal Year 2024. Clerk Smith made a **motion** to accept the contract. Seconded by Member Cauley. Voted 3-0-0.

Member Cauley stated that a few weeks ago there had been a discussion regarding reorganization of the Board. She stated she felt there was not a discussion before the vote was taken and would like to discuss it and vote again. The Chairwoman stated that the Board did vote, then she realized there had not been a discussion so, although she and Clerk Smith did not have much to say, there was an opportunity for Member Cauley to discuss it. Member Cauley stated that since the vote took place first, she felt no matter what she said, the vote wouldn't change and, although the vote may still be the same if discussed again, she would like the opportunity to discuss it again so the board can discuss prior to voting. The Chairwoman stated she believes that after the initial vote took place, there was an opportunity to discuss, then the vote was taken again. She added that she would review the video from that night and take it from there.

The Chairwoman stated the Board would adjourn Open Session and enter into Executive Session and not to reconvene in Open Session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing pending Appellate Tax Board Cases relative to Purpose 7, MGL CH 59, Section 60. A **vote** was taken as follows: Chairwoman = affirmative, Clerk Smith = affirmative, Member Cauley = affirmative. The Board adjourned Open Session and entered Executive Session at approximately 6:08 P.M.

Next Meeting: August 2, 2023

I certify that the minutes of this meeting are true and accurate to the best of my recollection.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Smith, Clerk

Prepared by Secretary, Daniela Nilsson

Documents referenced during the meeting:

- *Bills Payable/Warrants, Retirement Form for Ann Williams, Motor Vehicle Abatements and Monthly Lists, Patriot Residential Inspection Contract for FY2024, and any miscellaneous administrative documents referenced during the meeting*