

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Assessors met on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at approximately 6:07 PM. Present were Chairwoman Cheryl Smith, Clerk Paula Bunker, Member Steve McCarthy, Principal Assessor John Donahue, and Principal Secretary Daniela Nilsson.

The Principal Assessor stated that applicant for Abatement Application #7 called to inquire about the denial notice he received. The Principal Assessor stated that during this conversation he received information he wished to share with the Board. He stated the parcel was recently subdivided with the intention of selling the home site parcel, but the sale fell through. The homeowner stated the rear parcel is inaccessible and land locked. Member McCarthy stated that even if the owner had sold the 'front' homesite parcel, he could have gained a prescriptive easement to gain access to the rear parcel. He asked what the assessed valuation was. The Principal Assessor stated it was \$195,000. Member McCarthy suggested he adjust the value to be approximately \$152,500. The Board agreed.

The Board reviewed Abatement Applications #21 - 66. Member McCarthy stated that he would like to work with the Principal Assessor to review the proposed 'affordable housing' parcels in the subject subdivision. The Board agreed to have Member McCarthy review the affordable units and adjust the assessments as he deemed to be reasonable.

The Board reviewed applications # 95, 96, and 97. The Board was in agreement to deny all three (3) applications.

The Board briefly reviewed the photos submitted for application #71. The Board moved on to reviewing the Appellate Tax Board Schedule. There were no upcoming hearing dates scheduled at this time. The Principal Assessor informed the Board that he received a decision from the ATB regarding Docket #X308975 FY19) and that the decision was in favor of the Board of Assessors. The Board Members congratulated the Principal Assessor for successfully defending the assessment of the subject property.

The Board discussed the Town Administrator's email correspondence from January 14, 2022. A general recap of all communications from January 14, 2022 to date was discussed. Chairwoman Smith expressed frustration that her repeatedly asked questions were not being answered. The Chairwoman asked Clerk Bunker if she had an insight on why this was happening. Clerk Bunker stated she did not want to speculate but felt that it had to do with the delay in submitting compensatory timesheets to the Human Resource Director. The Chairwoman stated that all the timesheets had been submitted and yet the Board of Selectmen were still asking to meet with the Assessors but would not say what they wanted to meet about. She stated that unless they gave a reason for wanting to meet, no meeting was necessary. Member McCarthy agreed and suggested asking the Board of Selectmen for a brief overview of the topic(s) the Selectmen wished to discuss. Clerk Bunker disagreed and stated that she felt a meeting should be held with both Boards so everything could be laid out and discussed. She stated the meeting probably wouldn't take very long, especially if the compensatory timesheets

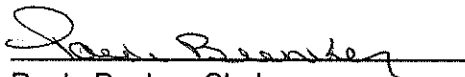
were all worked out as suggested earlier in the meeting; then, all the Board had to do was listen. Clerk Bunker also requested that the compensatory timesheets be emailed to her as well. The Principal Assessor stated he would send them to her. The Chairwoman and Member McCarthy agreed that the Chairwoman would send out an email asking for a brief description of the topics.

A **motion** was made by Chairwoman Smith and seconded by Member McCarthy to adjourn Executive Session. A **roll call vote** was taken as follows: Chairwoman Smith = affirmative, Clerk Bunker = affirmative, and Member McCarthy = affirmative. The Board adjourned Executive Session at approximately 6:50 P.M.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Bunker", written over a horizontal line.

Paula Bunker, Clerk

Prepared by Principal Secretary, Daniela Nilsson