

OPEN SESSION

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The Board of Assessors met on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at approximately 6:17 PM. Present were Chairman Steve McCarthy, Clerk Cheryl Smith, Member Paula Bunker, Principal Assessor John Donahue, Principal Secretary Daniela Nilsson, Town Administrator David Gagne, and Assistant Town Administrator Linda Torres. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was closed to the public. However, the public was allowed to listen to the meeting via teleconference and to watch a recording of the meeting via community access television.

The Chairman announced that the meeting was being recorded by community access television. The Principal Assessor read aloud the Board of Assessors' State of Emergency Public Access Notice from the publicly posted Agenda stating that, due to the increasing concerns surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting would be open to the public through remote participation only, and he also stated the telephone number and access code needed to join the live teleconference.

The Principal Assessor announced that there was a 6:15 appointment with the Town Administrator for Executive Session and recommended the Board move to Executive Session.

A **motion** was made by Chairman McCarthy to adjourn the Open Session and to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss negotiation of the Principal Assessor's Employment Agreement, relative to Purpose 2, MGL CH 59, section 60, because to do so in open session could have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board of Assessors, and to reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Member Bunker. A **roll call vote** was taken as follows: Chairman McCarthy = affirmative, Clerk Smith = affirmative, Member Bunker = affirmative. The Board adjourned Open Session and entered Executive Session at approximately 6:19 P.M.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at approximately 6:50 P.M. The Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator were no longer present. The Chairman stated the Principal Assessor's contract was under negotiation and would not be executed this evening. The Chairman made a **motion** to adjourn open session. The motion was seconded by Clerk Smith. Voted unanimously 3-0-0. The Board adjourned Open Session at approximately 6:53 P.M.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2020

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 Principal Secretary, Daniela Nilsson