

**Town of Swampscott  
Board of Assessors  
Open Session Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 1, 2023**

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Neil Sheehan (NS), Tasia Vasiliou (TV), Lara Goodman (LG)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Cheryl Moschella, Director of Assessment, Dick Simmons, Interim Director of Assessment, Mary Ellen Fletcher, Select Board Liaison

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 11:47 am

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- Town Newsletter: Mary Ellen Fletcher recommended BOA have a monthly spot in the monthly newsletter. TV suggested that we could highlight exemptions, abatements deadlines, etc. according to upcoming happenings. CM said she doesn't think we'd have something once a month but maybe a few times a year. TV said we could repeat some information monthly. LG suggested to start, that we could use information posted on website to newsletter.
  - Elections: Tasia was re-elected and was
  - sworn in today.

Motion to nominate TV as Chairman of Board of Assessors.

Motion: NS

Second: LG

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion to nominate NS as Vice Chair of Board of Assessors.

Motion: TV

Second: LG

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion to nominate LG as Secretary of Board of Assessors.

Motion: TV

Second: NS

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Description of duties: Chair is point-person and facilitates the meetings. Vice Chair will do this in Chair's absence. Secretary will keep track of meetings and take minutes if needed.

- Motion to approve Open Session meeting minutes from 3/29/23 and 4/3/23.  
Motion: NS  
Second: LG  
Vote: UNANIMOUS

- Motion to enter and not return from Executive Session for purpose 3 and 7 to discuss and potentially vote on real estate tax exemptions, abatements, ATB appeals.
- *Executive Session – Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) (“Purpose 3”), the Board will meet in executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares: Exemptions, Abatements; ATB appeals, etc.*

Motion: NS

Second: LG

Vote: UNANIMOUS at 12:07 pm

True Attest,  
Lisa Taylor