

**Town of Swampscott
Board of Assessors
Open Session Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2023**

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tasia Vasiliou (TV), Vice Chair Neil Sheehan (NS), Secretary 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 11:46 am

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- Discussion of 109 (mixed-use) properties: Board wants to ensure these properties are categorized properly. TV previously provided a spreadsheet to Mark Harrell (MH) of Patriot Properties with these properties noted for review. TV will share with CM.
 - Golf Course neighborhoods: Tedesco's assessed value has not been increased. MH previously explained that the golf course is in its own designated neighborhood. Because there are no sales in the neighborhood, there has been no increase in assessed value. The Board recommends sales from outside of the golf course neighborhood be used for valuation – stressed opportunity to reconfigure the neighborhood, and possibly dissolving the golf course neighborhood. RS agreed that reconfiguring would be most expedient and logical – ensuring equitability and fairness. TV would like MH to come to one of our meetings to provide an update.

Concerns with Chapter 61B were discussed together with DOR guidelines on excess land. The Board would like to explore changes to zoning which may affect valuations.

- Motion to approve Open Session meeting minutes from 5/1/23.
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 abatements, ATB appeals.
 1. Executive Session – Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(7) ("Purpose 7"), the Board will meet in executive session to discuss, comply with, and/or act under the authority of G.L. c.59, §60 and related privacy laws; votes may be taken.
 2. 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: Abatements; ATB appeals.

Motion: NS
Second: LG
Vote: UNANIMOUS at 12:12 pm

True Attest,

Lisa Taylor