

**Town of Swampscott  
Board of Assessors  
Open Session Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 10, 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

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at: 12:16 pm

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- Discussed:

109 Properties: CM updated the Board that Patriot Properties will begin inspecting 109 properties later this month. TV recommended comparing her spreadsheet of 109 properties with a list the Planning Board Committee put together after their review of all properties in town with accessory dwelling units to see if any properties were missed.

Golf Course Neighborhoods: TV and CM will have a meeting to discuss Golf Course neighborhoods and will plan to include Mark Harrell from PP in the discussion.

Orchard Road Neighborhood: Impact on value to Orchard Road homes that will be affected by improvements and installation of a bike lane was discussed. LG relayed that many residents have expressed concern with some of the improvements and believe they will be negatively impacted, primarily by a proposed bike lane leaving no parking on one side of the road. CM stressed that residents would continue to have parking in their driveways and across the street, that this is an improvement to the neighborhood. TV stated that we need to wait and see what the market reaction is after the changes are made, and that residents should be reassured we are aware of all the potential changes to the neighborhood and will be watching it for any positive or negative impacts.

Other business: The Board will meet to review the Town charter and to discuss any potential changes the Board would like to suggest. One possibility is changes to the Town hiring process. Suggestions are due to the Town Administrator no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that the *Board will meet on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at noon.*

Assessor's Corner of the Town newsletter was discussed. The Assessing Department will be placing an article in September's newsletter.

CM mentioned that she will research a senior exemption that some towns have adopted based on the MA State Circuit Breaker tax credit, and a small business exemption regarding personal property tax for home businesses.

Upcoming Board of Assessor Meetings:

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at noon to discuss suggestions for potential changes to the Town Charter.

Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at noon.

- Motion to enter and into and not return from Executive Session for purpose 3 and 7 to discuss and potentially vote on ATB appeals.
  1. 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. 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: ATB appeals.

Motion: NS

Second: LG

Rollcall Vote: UNANIMOUS

Adjourned at: 1:04 pm

True Attest,  
Lisa Taylor