

**Town of Swampscott
Board of Assessors
Open Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 2022
Virtual Meeting**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sean Fitzgerald - Town Administrator (TA), Richard (Dick) Simmons – Interim Assessor (RS), Mary Ellen Fletcher – Board of Selectmen Liaison (MEF), Amy Sarro – Director of Finance and Administration (AS), Patrick Luddy – Treasurer/Collector (PL)

TOWN CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Mark Harrell – Patriot Properties (MH)

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 11:52 am

Discussed:

Recertification/Valuations:

MH updated the Board that he started review of Board's spreadsheet noting that while there are a couple properties where grades may be able to be changed, such changes must be consistent for the neighborhood. He also noted that this review is a slow and tedious process and going back after the fact is difficult.

109 Properties: MH stated that he has seen no problems with 109 properties, that there have been no permits to add a unit and according to the information that the Town has these outbuildings are not separate dwelling units. TV wants to address these properties further to ensure accuracy.

Timing Concerns: TA stressed that the Board needs to work with the Town's assessing agent and assessor to get consensus on values so that recertification and valuation can move forward. He noted that the Town has professional staff who have worked for the Town for years to establish values and that it is critical to find consensus.

School/public properties: It was noted that these properties were discussed in previous meetings. NS stressed that these values can be addressed at a later time. RS recommended setting a timeframe for doing so.

Tedesco: Concerns were raised by the Board about Tedesco's values. MH said that values are fair and consistent.

TV and MH will have a telephone discussion regarding the spreadsheet she provided noting properties of concern. The meeting will concentrate on 109 properties, Tedesco, and public buildings.

Scheduled follow-up meeting for Tuesday, 10/24/22 at 10:30 am.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: LG

Second: TV

UNANIMOUS

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm

True Attest,
Lisa Taylor