

**Town of Swampscott
Board of Assessors
Open Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 25, 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 10:33 am

Discussed:

Recertification/Valuations:

TV met with MH over phone to review spreadsheet. The meeting was very productive with several opportunities identified. MH sent revised list noting that some opportunities can be addressed now, and some can be addressed at a later date. TV noted that one opportunity is to convert many of the properties with outbuildings to 109 properties, but because it is very time consuming it can wait until January.

Tedesco was discussed. MH expressed that Tedesco has many limitations so there is not much that can be done with values. Board would like to address some concerns at State level. MH said that going forward the Town can create a unique neighborhood for Tedesco that if not highest valued non-waterfront property, it will be very close. This will maintain the integrity DOR requires while increasing value.

Concerns with Town owned properties were also reviewed. Neighborhood code had previously set up but not consistently used. MH made changes for consistency.

Beach Club property code was updated and will be further addressed at a later date. It had its own neighborhood code assigned in the past, but it has not been regularly updated. Patriot Properties also reviewed all individual properties from spreadsheet changing 15 of them.

RS shared Assessment Classification Report: LA4 showing RE total value in the amount of \$4,437,063.013 and Personal Property Taxable Value in the amount of \$64,728,320. Board is ready to move forward with approving values.

Motion to approve Real Estate Taxable Value for FY2023 in the total amount of \$4,437,063,013.

Motion: TV
Second: LG
UNANIMOUS

Motion to approve Personal Property Taxable Value for FY2023 in the total amount of \$64,728,320.

Motion: TV
Second: LG
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RS will provide needed documents to the Board for signature.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: LG
Second: TV
UNANIMOUS

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am

True Attest,
Lisa Taylor