

**Town of Swampscott
Board of Assessors
Open Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 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, Richard (Dick) Simmons – Interim Assessor

TOWN CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Mark Harrell and Wayne Peterson – Patriot Properties

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 11:49 am

Discussed:

- Mark Harrell and Wayne Peterson from Patriot Properties were introduced; resident John Lenehan was also present.
- Noted that BOA signatures are needed on 2022 motor vehicle excise tax abatements.
- Discussed revaluation and recertification time frame, and new tax rate certification date. Mark provided update that valuations have been completed by Patriot Properties and everything was submitted to DOR and then sent to Assessing Department. Assessing shared with BOA. Public disclosure is anticipated within 10 business days after approval from DOR.

TV requested to include her notes regarding meeting minutes as follows:

Record should reflect that patriot had values done in spring but were only provided recently and patriot and assessor instructed to provide them to board ASAP in the future.

Record should reflect that submission to DOR contradicts what was confirmed as process in the last assessors meeting indicated that they would be reviewed by board prior to submitting. Patriot clarified that we can still make changes up to 10%.

Motion to enter and not return from Executive session, for purpose 3 and 7 to discuss and potentially vote on abatements and ATB appeals.

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.

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: TS

Second: LG

Vote: UNANIMOUS at 12:15 pm

True Attest,
Lisa Taylor