

Deerfield Board of Assessors

Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Room 117, Town Hall, 8 Conway St., S. Deerfield

Minutes for February 17, 2026

This meeting will be held at the Assessors' office at Town Hall. Meeting minutes will be available on our website (www.deerfieldma.us) within 24 hours following the meeting.

Members Present: Skip Sobieski X Frank Leone X
Charles Shattuck X Karen Menard (Clerk) X

Meeting opened at: 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 02/03/2026

C. Shattuck made a motion to accept; F. Leone seconded; motion carried 3 – 0.

2. Business Held Over

None.

3. Other Old Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appearances/Appointments

- 7:30 p.m. Sugarloaf Condos Residents Re: 2026 Assessments

Condo residents A. Downes, S. Howard, L. Benton, M. Martin, D. Bardwell addressed the Board. J. Upton, Deerfield resident, and A. Marietta, Greenfield Recorder reporter, attended. Each Sugarloaf Condo resident read a prepared statement and emphasized their dismay at the 30 – 39% increase in their property tax bills. They believe the increase to be unfair and prejudicial considering the 55+ age of the residents.

Although the Assessors sympathized with the residents, they informed the group that, by state law, they must assess all properties using recent sales data and proper state procedures. The Board said they will review the property data to check for any errors and may be inspecting the properties, as well.

2. Mail/Memos/Other Administrative

- Payables

None.

- Business Certificates

None.

3. Other Unanticipated New Business

- Map 183 Lot 3: Land Use Code Change

Dental business has been closed for several years. Property card should be changed to land use code of 101, single family home.

4. Abatement/Exemption Requests

Motor Vehicle Abatements

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements per attached list. Signature stamp used.

Executive Session Pursuant to MGL, c. 30A §21 (a) (7), to comply with, or act under the authority of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements. Specifically MGL Chapter 59 section 60 requirements. Open session will conclude at the opening of executive session.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Menard