

Deerfield Board of Assessors
Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Room 117, Town Hall, 8 Conway St., S. Deerfield
Minutes for May 16, 2023

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 Karen Menard (Clerk) X
Meeting opened at: 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 04/18/2023
F. Leone made a motion to accept; F. Sobieski seconded; motion carried 2-0.

- 05/02/2023
F. Leone made a motion to accept; F. Sobieski seconded; motion carried 2-0.

2. Business Held Over

- Hilchey Email Re: Raising Town-Owned Building Assessments
Mark Harrell to look at assessments; he believes they were updated in 2022.

3. Other Old Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appearances/Appointments

- 6:00 P.M. Mark Harrell of Patriot Properties Re: Assessment Procedures & Practices
Per M. Harrell, there have been changes for Patriot Properties over the last few years. COVID kept in-person fieldwork to a minimum. Also, their company was bought by Catalis. They have a different business model and changed how Patriot dealt with customers. The greatest impact was noticed in customer support. Mark says that Catalis has come to realize that the service required by assessors differs from their other clients. Currently, customer service has hired a couple of new people and are working to improve support. M. Harrell intends to get back out to collect/check data to ensure consistency.

2. Mail/Memos/Other Administrative

- Reorganization & Committee Appointments
Held.

- Payables
None.

- Business Certificates
None.

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3. Other Unanticipated New Business

- FY 2024 COLA Adjustment for Personal Exemptions
Reviewed.
- Map 183 Lot 25: Increased Noise Factor
Held.

4. Abatement/Exemption Requests

- MV, RE, PP, Personal Exemptions:
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: 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Menard