

Town of Dedham

Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 9:00AM

Present: Richard Schoenfeld, Chairman, Chris Polito, Vice Chairman, Cheryl Sullivan, Clerk, Kevin Doyle, Assistant Director of Assessments

Meeting called to order at 9:00AM in the Selectmen's Chamber by the Chairman, Mr. Polito.

No members of the public attended the meeting; therefore no public comment.

The Board reviewed, approved and signed Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2019.

The Board then reviewed and signed excise tax abatements.

Next on the Agenda was the reorganization of the Board of Assessor's discussion. Mr. Polito stated that Ms. Sullivan has now passed the DOR Course 101 and gave his congratulations, which was second by Mr. Schoenfeld.

At this point Mr. Polito called for a motion to nominate Ms. Sullivan as Vice Chair. Mr. Schoenfeld made the motion, which was second by Mr. Polito. All were in favor of the motion with a unanimous vote to make Ms. Sullivan, Vice Chair. Mr. Polito then called for a motion to nominate Mr. Schoenfeld as Clerk. Ms. Sullivan made the motion, which was second by Mr. Polito. All were in favor of the motion with a unanimous vote to make Mr. Schoenfeld, Clerk.

Next on the Agenga was the discussion and vote to sponsor the Fall Town Meeting Article for a by-law change regarding the Department Heads as it relates to the Board of Assessors, Board of Health and Planning Board. Mr. Polito stated that he had spoken with the Chairs of the Planning Board and Board of Health and that all three Boards are in agreement and are looking to conform with Parks and Recreation and Library where the Director reports to the Board instead of the Town Manager, just as it had in the past. Mr. Polito stated that he is in favor of this motion as he likes to see Checks and Balances within the Board and Department rather than run into the possibility of the Director getting political pressure from the Town Manager. Mr. Polito stated that as Chair, he would do the presenting at the Town Meeting along with John Bethoney, Chair of the Planning Board and Leanne Jasset, Chair of the Board of Health.

At this point, Ms. Sullivan called for a motion to sponsor the Fall Town Meeting Article for the by-law change, which was second by Mr. Polito. All were in favor with a unanimous vote to sponsor the Article. Mr. Polito asked Mr. Doyle to draft a letter informing Nancy Baker, Interim

Town Manager of the results of their vote and in favor of sponsoring the article. Mr. Polito also asked Mr. Doyle to update the website for the new positions on the Board as well as inform the Registry of Deeds.

Having no other Old/New Business to discuss, Mr. Schoenfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Ms. Sullivan. At 9:23AM, Mr. Polito adjourned the meeting.