

Town of Dedham
Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 6:00 PM

Present: Cheryl Sullivan, Madam Chair, Richard Schoenfeld, Vice Chair, Mike Polito, Secretary

Kevin Doyle, Director of Assessments

Paul D'Olimpio Jr, Assistant Director of Assessments

Meeting called to order at 6:01 by the chair, Ms. Sullivan.

Ms. Sullivan led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Currently, no members of the public were on the teleconference, therefore no further public comments.

Mr. Doyle introduced and welcomed Mr. D'Olimpio Jr. as the new Assistant Director of Assessments and gave a brief background of his resume and experience within the Town of Dedham as well as his prior work experience. Mr. Doyle stated that the entire Assessing Department is excited for Mr. D'Olimpio Jr. and looking forward to working with him in his new role and know that with his experience, knowledge, and personality, he will do very well in his new role.

Next, Mr. Doyle mentioned that Derek Sergi has officially accepted the position of the new Field Data Collector and will begin his new role on November 29th. Mr. Doyle discussed the increase in the number of building permits and inspections as well as the ongoing cyclical inspections required. Mr. Doyle discussed how Mr. D'Olimpio Jr. will help Mr. Sergi get acclimated to how inspections are completed while in the field, along with the process of bringing Mr. Sergi up to speed on all aspects of his new position as Field Data Collector. Mr. Sergi will also be observing both Ms. Albani and Ms. Munchbach in day-to-day functions within the office.

Mr. Doyle then gave an introduction and brief history on the newly formed Tax Aid Committee. The initial meeting for this committee was held on October 20th via zoom which was attended by Mr. Doyle, along with Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Chauvin (the Treasurer/Collector), and the three appointed residents: Michael Perna, Jo-Ann Richard, and Geoff Tegnell. Mr. Doyle gave a brief overview on the committee and that they were very early on in the process with the Tax Aid program and working out the details of how it would affect taxpayers, guidelines, application process, etc. Mr. Doyle stated that each of the Board members were going to do more research and due diligence and report their findings at their next meeting on December 15th.

The Board then signed the weekly excise tax abatements.

Old/New Business:

Mr. Doyle introduced Jerry Natalie, the consultant from RRC, who has been working with Dedham for several years on the valuation process for both our revaluation and interim certifications. Mr. Doyle

gave a brief update on their analysis of the sales and growth for FY2022, which they are in the early stages of the certification process, but that the LA3 Form (Sales) has recently been approved. Mr. Doyle stated that the Classification Hearing will take place on December 2nd, where Ms. Sullivan will present the Classification Hearing booklet and presentation with the Select Board during their Select Board Meeting. Mr. Doyle stated that they will hold their next Board of Assessors Meeting on November 17th, the Wednesday following the Fall Town Meeting which will be held on November 15th. Mr. Doyle stated that he will be close to having the assessment values certified at that point and can give more of an update at the next meeting and will begin putting together the Classification Hearing Booklet and will hand out to the Select Board and the Board of Assessors.

Having no other Old/New Business to discuss, Ms. Sullivan recommended to make a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schoenfeld made a motion to adjourn, which was second by Mr. Polito. A vote was taken with all in favor to adjourn. At 6:35pm, Ms. Sullivan adjourned the meeting.