

Board of Assessors Minutes
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Conference Room, Senior Center, 328 North Main Street
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01028

Present: Martin J. Grudgen, Chairman; Marilyn Ghedini, Assessor; J. William Johnston, Clerk of the Board and Diane L. Bishop, Director of Assessing

Mr. Grudgen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. It was noted this meeting was being recorded by this office for the purposes of the minutes in accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 20.

Administrative:

Tax Classification Hearing Packet: Mr. Grudgen asked the board members if they had any questions on the information we will present. Mr. Grudgen stated he will begin with a brief informal statement regarding the increase of the FY2019 assessments with Ms. Bishop presenting the actual Tax Classification Hearing information. Mr. Grudgen stated the Board of Assessors will provide information, noting we as a board do not have to vote or offer our opinion if the town should have a split or single tax rate. Mr. Johnston brought a spreadsheet for each board member showing the past 18 year's worth of data including levy limits, excess levy capacity etc. The minutes from the joint meeting of the Town Council and the Board of Assessors will become part of the Board of Assessors minutes.

FY19 Tax Recap: Ms. Bishop provided the FY2019 Tax Recap sheet which has been compiled by the Finance team. The board reviewed the Recap sheet and signed Page one of the Recap, the OL-1 Sheet, Levy Limit sheet and the LA-5 which certifies the total values to be presented to the Town Council. The board members will log on to the DLSGateway to officially sign off on Page 1 of the Recap and the LA-5 as this is a new requirement for FY2019.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Assessors will be Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Assessor's Office.

Mr. Grudgen made a motion to adjourn from this location to reconvene with the Town Council in the Media Room for the Tax Classification Hearing. The minutes from the Town Council meeting will become part of the Board of Assessors Tax Classification minutes. The Board of Assessors reserves the right to reconvene until there is no longer a quorum. Ms Ghedini seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J.W. Johnston
Clerk of the Board

Documents Reviewed: Tax Classification Hearing Packet; FY19 Tax Recap Sheet; Spreadsheet (18 year overview)