



# *City of New Bedford*

## *Massachusetts*

### ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

#### **ASSESSORS**

Marty Treadup  
Peter E. Berthiaume  
Kimberly Saunders

#### **OPEN MEETING: BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**DATE: August 18, 2022**

**TIME: 9:00 A.M.**

**PLACE: Remotely**

#### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to Order at 9:00 A.M.

#### **Roll Call of Board Members**

**Present:** Peter Berthiaume, Clerk; Kimberly Saunders, Chairperson; Marty Treadup, Assessor; Judy Serdahl (Absent), Assistant City Assessor, Kendra Parker, Administrative Coordinator, and Joyce Araujo, Office Assistant III.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board voted to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 11, 2022.

#### **Automobile or Boat Excise Abatement Requests**

There were no Automobile or Boat abatements at this meeting.

#### **Applications for Statutory Exemptions or Community Preservation Act Exemptions**

There were no applications for Statutory Exemption or Community Preservation Act Exemptions at this Meeting.

#### **Applications for Real Estate or Personal Property Abatements**

There were no Real Estate or Personal Property Abatements at this meeting.

#### **Review of Recent Real Estate Sales of Interest:**

There were no Recent Real Estate Sales of Interest at this meeting.

#### **Regional or State Assessors Meeting or Course Notices**

There were no Regional or State Assessors Meeting or Course Notices at this meeting.

The Board passed on all the above due to vacancy in the Administrative Assistant to the Board position.

#### **Executive Session**

The Board did not go into Executive Session at this meeting.

**Report of the Administrative Assistant to the Board**

There is currently no Administrative Assistant to the Board.

There has not been an update from the administration about the position since last meeting.

Kim Saunders gave an update to the Board on her conversation with Chris Wilcock, Bureau Chief from Bureau of Local Assessment, pertaining to the Board's need for clarification on their role since there is no Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Mrs. Saunders stated that Mr. Wilcock said that Chapter 5 of the Acts and Resolves of 1990 is a local law, and it does not override state law. She reported that he stated the Board of Assessors, and the Assistant can set the values and business should not stop. The legislation, however, does not address what to do without an Administrative Assistant and the Board should ask the City Solicitor to put in writing his determination for the state to review and compare local law with state law. He also suggested the Board continue correspondence with city administration to fill the position.

The Board voted 3-0 to recommend the Board of Assessors write a letter to the City Solicitor for an opinion on the vacancy of the Administrative Assistant position and the Board's ability to vote without said position.

Appellate Tax Board Update

There were no updates from the Appellate Tax Board at this meeting.

Letters Received by the Board

There were no letters received by the Board.

There were no attendees from the Bureau of Local Assessment at this meeting.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: Thursday August 25, 2022- Rm. 112 at 9AM

**Adjournment**

This meeting adjourned at 9:25A.M.

Submitted by:

Peter Berthiaume, Clerk

