



*City of New Bedford*  
*Massachusetts*  
**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

**ASSESSORS**

Marty Treadup  
Peter E. Berthiaume  
Kimberly Saunders

**OPEN MEETING: BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**DATE: May 7, 2020**

**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:** Marty Treadup, Chairperson; Kimberly Saunders, Clerk; Peter Berthiaume, Assessor(absent), Michael Motta, Administrative Assistant to the Board; Judy Serdahl, Assistant City Assessor;

**Approval of Minutes**

There Board approved the minutes of the regular meetings held: April 23, 2020 and April 30, 2020

**Automobile or Boat Excise Abatement Requests**

There were no Automobile or Boat Excise Abatements request at this meeting

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

There were no Applications for Statutory Exemptions or the Community Preservation Act presented at this meeting.

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

Several applications for abatements were presented to the Board at this meeting.

A motion from Kim Saunders and approved by the Board was made to take no action on applications that were presented at this meeting.

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

**Appellate Tax Board Update**

There were no Appellate Tax Board Updates to report at this meeting.

**Current Valuation Progress Report**

Mr. Motta informed the Board that Assessors Office operations are continuing remotely during the closure of City Hall, with Judy being the only employee coming into the office on a daily basis, assisting those that are working remotely. He stated that the office is receiving an average 54 phone calls a day

Mr. Motta also informed the Board that he has been invited to make a presentation at the IAAO International Conference in Denver in September. The presentation is entitled "How to Avoid Ransomware and How to Recover if you're Victimized". Due to COVID-19, the conference is likely to be held only online.

Letters Received by the Board

There were no letters received at this time.

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

There were no sale readings at this time.

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

Mr. Motta informed the Board that all meetings and conferences have been canceled with the exception of the International Assessor's Office Association that will be presented remotely in August/September of this year.

**Executive Session**

The Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss Abatements and Exemptions as submitted pursuant to G.L. c30A Sec 21(a)(7) and G.L. c59 Section 60.

A roll call was taken:

Mr. Treadup – yes

Mrs. Saunders – yes

Mr. Berthiaume - absent

The Board voted to return to Open Session:

A roll call was taken:

Mr. Treadup – yes

Mrs. Saunders – yes

Mr. Berthiaume – absent

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

**Adjournment**

This meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Submitted by:

Kimberly Saunders, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_