

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
P.O. BOX 135
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Minutes from the BOA (Board of Assessors) meeting held: January 31, 2023

Location: In person at Lunenburg Town Hall and broadcast over the Lunenburg Public Access channel

Members present: Interim Chairperson, Christine Higdon, Board Member, Kevin Fish. Also present Principal Assessor CJ Carroll and Rena Swezey.

Rich Letarte in attendance by cell phone.

Christine opened the meeting at 2:42 pm and stated before addressing items on the agenda, she will open for public comment.

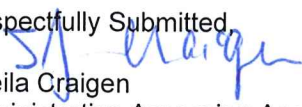
Open Meeting:

- Christine had members introduce themselves.
- Kevin Fish made a statement in regards to abatement procedures and communication with the public.
- Lou Franco introduced himself and explained in advance that his statement to follow is entirely his own words and he is not speaking on behalf of the Select Board. Lou spoke of the abatement process and addressed recent incorrect information and innuendo that had appeared on various private town related social media pages. In closing, Lou asked that the BOA make liberal use of their ability to extend the deadline of filing abatements.
- Several residents spoke stating their dissatisfaction, questions and concerns regarding tax bills and the abatement process.
- Rich Letarte stated he does feel the assessments were done in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Revenue.
- Kevin made a motion to approve the use of the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board Three-Year Average Worksheet. Rich seconded. All in favor.
- The BOA reviewed motor vehicle abatement applications.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sheila Craigen
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