

# Carlisle Board of Assessors

## Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: Wednesday, June 28, 2022

Town Hall, Heald Conference Room

66 Westford St.

Carlisle, MA 01741

BOA members in attendance:

- Ken Mostello, Chair
- Dave Boardman

Others attending: Principal Assessor, Brian Macdonald

Motioned for approval: Mr. Mostello

Second: Mr. Boardman

Roll call vote: 2-0 in favor with 1 abstention

Date approved: July 22, 2022

Chair Mostello called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Mr. MacDonald stated that he has now recorded approximately \$20 million in new growth. Mr. Mostello commented that \$20 million is where we would like to be for the year, and having achieved this figure already, will permit us to devote time to other pressing priorities.

The Stillmeadow Holdings tax bill will be reduced to \$188,056.19. The reason is that the appropriate tax lien was not filed on all the parcels back in the 1970's when the land was put into conservation restriction. As such, the town can't assess look-back taxes on those parcels.

Mr. Boardman reported on his conversation with former BOA chair, Jim Marchant. Mr. Marchant recommended posting the assistant assessor position on the MBRA website for appraisal specialists. Mr. Macdonald was to reach out to BOA member Karen Yeyinmen on updates to the job description and post accordingly.

Mr. Macdonald discussed retaining Patriot Properties to do the assessment work on the DOR cyclical, since the BOA has not been able to hire an assistant assessor as of yet. Mr. Mostello stated that he feels Patriot's work was somewhat mediocre but passable. Mr. Macdonald

concurrent and said he also knew an independent assessor from Weston whom he could contact as well. Mr. Mostello encouraged him to do so.

Mr. Mostello mentioned that the forward priorities should be DOR cyclical compliance and establishing solid analytics on interim adjustments. Properties are seriously underassessed due to explosive price appreciation and it will take considerable work to bring assessments back in line. Mr. Boardman nodded in agreement.

Chair Mostello motioned for board approval of the minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup> public meetings and executive session meetings.

Mr. Boardman, 2nd

Carried 2-0

Chair Mostello introduced a motion to adjourn at 9:05 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boardman and carried 2-0.