

September 30, 2021 Board of Assessors VIRTUAL Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Chairman Jeffrey Quackenbush and members Susan Reyes and Howard Shpetner.

Also present: Administrative Assessor Kevin Rudden and Assessors' Clerk Leslie Bracebridge.

Chairman Jeffrey Quackenbush opened the meeting at 5:34 PM online using ZOOM Meeting ID 862-2617-5520, Passcode: GU8Hpu. PHONE: 1.929.205.6099, ID: 862-2617-5520, Passcode: 032302.

The September 9, 2021 meeting minutes were edited and then approved.

The following Monthly Accountant Report was approved for signature stamps:

- **Motor Vehicle Abatements:**

<u>Commit. Year</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Total Amount Abated</u>
2021	Sept (2021)	\$128.60

Assessors reviewed and approved for signature stamps the 4th Motor Vehicle Commitment in the amount of \$9,218.28, dated September 15, 2021.

Chapter 61 applications continue to be submitted:

Chapter 61 applications continue to arrive. At a future point, the new applications' CL-3's will need Jeff's notarized signatures. Kevin and Leslie review each application and request further information for absent or incorrect information. Leslie is sending out the approvals and updating the master chart.

Administrative Assessor's Report: Update on schedule for setting FY22 tax rate:

1. Residential and land values are set. Kevin has checked all Chapter 61 codes for consistency within the system, and is waiting for the accountant to put data into Gateway.
2. Kevin has arranged with the tax collector to do a "dummy-run" of tax bills to verify personal property taxes are correct prior to the real run tax bill run, in order to determine if the previous flaw in communication between Vision and Point is resolved.

Board member questions and comments: Susan praised the way Kevin tied his comments to statistics in the draft article that he prepared for the next town-wide newsletter mailing. Kevin spoke of a 251 square foot 1-room house in Newton that sold for \$500,000 as a reflection of the prices that people will pay for a home. Local sales are still above asking prices, but not as high as they were.

The next ZOOM meeting will be Thursday October 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Assessors adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, as approved on October 14, 2021,

Leslie Bracebridge
Assessors' Clerk

List of Documents used at the meeting:

1. September 30, 2021 meeting agenda.
2. September 9, 2021 draft meeting minutes.
3. September 2021 Monthly Motor Vehicle Abatement Accountant Report.
4. The fourth motor Vehicle Commitment