

Minutes of the Fiscal Year 2022 Classification Hearing November 08, 2021

Members Present: Cynthia Powers, Chair

Carolyn Haley, Assessor

Robert Sullivan, Assessor

Staff Present: Cynthia S Poirier, Principal Assessor

Selectboard Members Present: Suzanne Collins, Chair

Martin J Kelly

Paul McCarthy

Michael Doyle

Ms. Powers opened the Hearing at 6:16 p.m. and presented the LA-5 to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Powers explained the largest percentages of the Levy belonged to the residential class and recommended to the Board of Selectmen that a single tax rate be adopted.

Ms. Powers read the LA-5 explaining the Residential Exemption Option was not beneficial to Brimfield as there are minimal properties that are not owner occupied.

The Board of Assessors recommended to vote NO.

As with the Residential Exemption, the Board of Assessors recommended to vote NO on LA-5 Small Commercial Exemption option. The LA-5 Open Space Option does not apply to Brimfield as there are not any Property classified as Open Space.

The Board of Assessors recommended to vote NO.

Ms. Powers asked Marie Arsenault to speak to the excess levy capacity. Ms. Arsenault notified the Board of Selectmen that the excess levy capacity is calculated at \$151,446.18 and the prior year was at \$17,776.77.

Suzanne Collins, Selectboard Chair, agreed with the Assessors recommendations and commended the Board of Assessors on a thorough presentation. Ms. Collins congratulated Cynthia Poirier, Principal Assessor on her Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers Accreditation, the other Board members added to the acknowledgement.

Motion made by Martin J Kelly to Vote a single tax rate and adopt the assessors recommended vote for the balance of the LA-5 as presented by the Board of Assessors.

Second by Michael Doyle. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia S Poirier, Principal Assessor

12/07/2021

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

