



Minutes of the Brimfield Board of Assessors Meeting held August 31st 2020

Location: The Board of Assessors met pursuant to Governor Baker's Order to Suspend Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, Sec.18, and the Governor's Order imposing strict limitation on people gathering in one place, this meeting of the Town of Brimfield Board of Assessors was conducted via remote participation at +1(623)600-3773 Access Code 625935

Members Present: Carolyn Haley  
Cynthia Powers  
Robert Sullivan  
Staff Present: Cynthia Poirier

Meeting called to order via teleconference at 3:03 P.M. by Carolyn Haley, Chair

Roll Call:

Carolyn Haley- Present  
Cynthia Powers-Present  
Robert Sullivan-Present  
No guests in attendance.  
Host: Cynthia Poirier

- .68 Meeting Minutes from the August 18, 2020 Board of Assessors Meeting. Motion made by Cynthia Powers to accept and sign the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Robert Sullivan. In Favor by Roll Call Vote Carolyn Haley-Yes Cynthia Powers-Yes Robert Sullivan -Yes.
- .69 The Board to discuss the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on the Notice of Intent to Sell Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 61§ 8 for the property located at 145 Sturbridge Road (Parcel ID 14-A-11); and Rear Sturbridge Road (Parcel ID 14-A-34)  
The Board discussed the properties to be considered for Right of First Refusal. Carolyn Haley, Chair, reminded the Board negotiating was not an option and moved to recommend the Town not purchase the property. Ms. Powers spoke to her desire to exercise the right to purchase while recognizing the issues such as having no reserve money for purchase of this type of land. Ms. Powers wanted it known that in her opinion the Town should purchase and preserve that area for the overall beauty and street scape of the Town, sighting so much development has taken place along Route 20 stretching beyond the borders of Brimfield. Mr. Sullivan also spoke to issues that would complicate purchase for those reasons, such as having no master plan to create those type of reserve funds. Ms. Poirier was called upon to share any information that may have been overlooked. Ms. Poirier was in agreement with the Boards concerns, and reminded the Board that the flowage and flood control easements would prohibit most any municipal office large scale projects. Ms. Haley asked the Board to move the question. Motion made by Robert Sullivan to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Town not exercise it's right of first refusal on the property. Second by Carolyn Haley. In Favor by Roll Call Vote: Carolyn Haley-Yes Robert Sullivan-Yes Cynthia Powers--Abstained. Motion carried.
- .70 The Board reviewed and approved the Release of old Chapter 61a liens for property located on John Haley Road parcels 1-K-14, 1-K-13 and 8-C-5. The Board noted the current lien of reference to remain found in Book 7945 pg. 464.

- .71 Newly elected Board members are now sworn in. The Board to visit reorganization. Motion made by Carolyn Haley to nominate Cynthia Keith Powers as Chair. Ms. Powers declined for personal reasons and nominated Robert Sullivan as Chair. Robert Sullivan was about to nominate Carolyn Haley but stated he was willing to serve as Chair. Ms. Powers Seconded the Motion, stating Ms. Haley has given many years as the Chair and with her new role serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen it may be a nice gesture to lighten the responsibility. Carolyn Haley- Yes Cynthia Powers-Yes Robert Sullivan-Yes

Having no further business Cynthia Powers made a Motion to adjourn Second by Carolyn Haley  
All in favor by Roll Call Vote Carolyn Haley- Yes Cynthia Powers-Yes Robert Sullivan-Yes  
Meeting adjourned 3:34 P.M

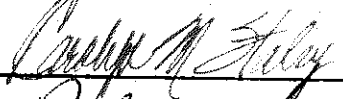

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cynthia S. Poirier

Deputy Assessor

Date: 09/14/2020

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