

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS JOINT HEARING WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 2020 AT 6:15 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL GREAT ROOM**

Location: The Board of Assessors met with the Board of Selectmen 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 joint hearing of the Town of Brimfield Board of Assessors and the Board of Selectmen was conducted via remote participation at the Town Hall Great Room

Meeting called to order by Robert Sullivan at 6:15 p.m.

Members present: Robert Sullivan and Cynthia Powers

Staff present: Cynthia Poirier, Deputy Assessor

Participants present: Sharon Ashleigh, Treasure/Collector and Marie Arsenault, Town Accountant, joined remotely.

Board of Selectmen called to order by Michael Doyle

Members present: Paul McCarthy, Carolyn Haley, Suzanne Collins

Staff present: Carol Camerota, Administrative Assistant

The Assessors presented the completed LA-5 Options and Certification, along with the LA-13 Comparison and the proposed Recap.

Mr. Sullivan made recommendation of the following as shown on the LA-5.

The selection of a Residential Factor of 1.000000 to maintain 100% of its full values tax share equal between all classes.

1. No Discount was granted in computing the residential factor for Open Space
  2. No Residential Exemption was adopted in computing the Residential Factor
  3. No Small Commercial Exemption has been adopted
  4. The Assessors presented the Excess Levey Capacity figure for the current fiscal of \$17,776.77
- Noting this figure is subject to change on final DOR review.

**Discussion:**

Ms. Arsenault voiced the proposed tax rate was a result of the assessments being adjusted upwards, along with new growth. The valuation and new growth increases resulted in 19 million in additional valuation. Ms. Arsenault also reminded the Boards of the monies voted to reduce the tax rate along with the \$200,000 the assessors released from overlay contributed to reduction to the tax rate.

The result of applying the factor of one on the recap revealed a proposed single rate of \$17.55 for all classes.

Mr. Doyle called for further discussion or questions, seeing none Carolyn Haley asked for a motion from the Board. Paul Mc McCarthy made a motion to accept all of the items as presented by the Board of Assessors as shown on the LA-5. Second by Michael Doyle.

All Selectmen in favor by Roll Call Vote: Haley, Carolyn-I, Doyle, Michael-I, McCarthy, Paul-I, Collins, Suzanne-I.

All Assessors in favor: Sullivan, Robert-I, Powers, Cynthia-I

Hearing closed at 6:22 p.m.

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

*Robert P. Sullivan*

*Cynthia K. Powers*

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia S. Poirier*  
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Deputy Assessor

Date: 12/01/2020