



**Minutes of the Brimfield Board of Assessors Meeting held January 05, 2021**

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

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

Roll Call: Carolyn Haley- Present Cynthia Powers-Present

Host: Cynthia Poirier, Deputy Assessor. No guests in attendance.

- .01 Meeting Minutes from the December 15, 2020 Board of Assessors Meeting. Robert Sullivan called for any additions or corrections to the Minutes.  
Motion made by Cynthia Powers to accept and sign the Minutes as presented. Second by Carolyn Haley. All in favor by roll call vote: Carolyn Haley-I, Cynthia Powers- I, Robert Sullivan -I
- .02 Department Payroll Robert Sullivan indicated he would visit the office to sign the payroll. Mr. Sullivan opened the meeting for discussion to consider creating a policy in the event he was not able as Chair to sign payroll and other important documents requiring a Chairpersons signature. Mr. Sullivan thought it would be beneficial to have a co-departmental Chair for signing documents in his unforeseen absence. Carolyn Haley offered herself to fill in for any signatures needed in the Chairs absence, nomination followed. Seconded by Cynthia Powers. All in favor by roll call vote: Carolyn Haley-I, Cynthia Powers- I, Robert Sullivan -I
- .03 The Board to accept Motor Vehicle Applications marked for approval and the monthly report for Motor Vehicle Abatements granted. Carolyn Haley has reviewed the applications marked for abatement and made a motion to accept and sign as presented. Second by Cynthia Powers. All in favor by roll call vote: Carolyn Haley-I, Cynthia Powers- I, Robert Sullivan -I
- .04 Applications for FY21 Real Estate Abatement Applications market for Approval under Clause 8 § 58. Ms. Poirier informed the Board the Abatement was for a rescinded Preliminary Abatement for accounting simplification and is simply being re-entered. The abatement is for loss of use due to fire. Motion made by Cynthia Powers to accept and sign the Abatement. Second by Carolyn Haley. All in favor by roll call vote: Carolyn Haley-I, Cynthia Powers- I, Robert Sullivan -I
- .05 Board Members Carolyn Haley and Robert Sullivan to sign One Clause 22 Veterans Real Estate Exemption Certificate and Monthly Report for Exemption approved on 12/01/2020. Property is located at 86 Monson Road Parcel 10-A-10.1 Motion made by Carolyn Haley to sign the Certificate and Monthly Report. Second by Robert Sullivan. All in favor by roll call vote: Carolyn Haley-I, Cynthia Powers- Abstained, Robert Sullivan -I Motion carried.

**Discussion:**

Old Business surrounding Crumbling Foundation Criteria for consideration of Abatements.

Ms. Poirier informed the Board that she left the Policy for the Monson Board of Assessors crumbling concrete issues in the Assessor's Office for review (this is the same copy furnished at last January's Meeting no changes have been made) and she will e-mail the policy for East Longmeadow also. Carolyn Haley stated that Monson is always a good source for information and her views on the issue were not to be overly concerned as the contractor is no longer in business and she felt the issue was short lived in the terms of construction in Brimfield. Robert Sullivan asked if the Assessors Office had any pending cases.

Ms. Poirier shared that a few homeowners had called to inquire about the procedure to apply for an abatement but at this time there have not ben any applications received.

Mr. Sullivan wanted to revisit the topic of blighted properties in town and is concerned that the Board of Selectmen has not taken any action on them. Discussion ensued surrounding the issues of the impact on values and detriment to the Town. Ms. Haley explained it was a complex process and if the taxes were paid there was very little leverage. Mr. Sullivan thought the Assessors may want to think about approaching the Board of Selectmen to readdress the ongoing issue. Ms. Haley stated there are many cases where the Board of Selectmen are not the enforcement authority and each property needs to be looked at to see where to start depending on its condition i.e., unsafe structures being a Building Commissioners issue and excess trash and other sanitation issues would be a Board of Health issue.

Robert Sullivan asked the members if they had any further business to discuss, having None, a motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Haley. Second by Cynthia Powers.  
All in favor by roll call vote: Carolyn Haley-I, Cynthia Powers- I, Robert Sullivan -I  
Adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Next Meeting of the Board of Assessors is scheduled for 01/19/2021

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cynthia S. Poirier

Deputy Assessor

Date: 01/19/2021

BOARD OF ASSESSORS





