

Minutes of the Brimfield Board of Assessors Meeting held October 27, 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

Meeting called to order via teleconference at 3:07 P.M. by Robert Sullivan, Chair
Roll Call: Cynthia Powers-Present Carolyn Haley- joined later due to technical difficulty.
Host: Cynthia Poirier, Deputy Assessor. No guests in attendance.

- .83 Meeting Minutes from the October 6th, 2020 Board of Assessors Meeting. Motion made by Cynthia Powers to accept and sign the Minutes as presented. Second by Robert Sullivan. Motion carried by Roll-Call Vote Robert Sullivan – I, Cynthia Powers – I
- .84 Department Bills and Payroll. Motion made by Cynthia Powers to accept and sign the Department Bills and Payroll. Second by Robert Sullivan. Motion carried by Roll-Call Vote Robert Sullivan – I, Cynthia Powers – I.
- .85 The Board to accept Motor Vehicle Applications marked for approval and the monthly report for Motor Vehicle Abatements granted. Motion made by Cynthia Powers to accept and sign the Motor Vehicle Applications and Monthly Report. Second by Robert Sullivan. Motion carried by Roll-Call Vote Robert Sullivan – I, Cynthia Powers – I
- .86 Approval of Chapter 61 Applications under various Clauses that have met the qualifications for continued enrollment in the program. Motion made by Cynthia Powers to accept and sign the Chapter 61 Applications. Second by Robert Sullivan. Motion carried by Roll-Call Vote Robert Sullivan – I, Cynthia Powers – I. Carolyn Haley joined the meeting and informed the Board she had visited the Assessors Office and reviewed, approved and signed all the forms and reports presented on this agenda.

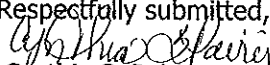
Discussion: Ms. Poirier visited some old business surrounding the concrete foundation issues many local property owners are experiencing in several communities and asked the Board to review the informational materials previously provided to allow the Board ample time to discuss a policy should any of the Brimfield homeowners seek Abatement for this issue.

Ms. Poirier shared some research in respect to valid ownership of "estate of" properties specifically Applications submitted and signed by administrators of estates on these properties. Ms. Poirier questioned the validity of these signatures as "owners" and initiated consultation with Department of Revenue and DLS Law Bureau Attorneys. DLS Law Bureau confirmed that an administrator does not have the authority to sign, as they are not valid owner until such time the property has been probated and a document is recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds. Ms. Poirier will continue to request valid documentation from the administrator of these properties before bringing any applications before the Board for consideration.

Robert Sullivan asked the members if they had any further business to discuss, having none a motion to adjourn was made by Cynthia Powers. Second by Carolyn Haley.

All in favor by roll call vote. Robert Sullivan -Yes, Carolyn Haley-Yes Cynthia Powers- Yes

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Poirier
Deputy Assessor
Date: 11/17/2020

