

## **November 9, 2020 Board of Assessors VIRTUAL Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Jeffrey Quackenbush, Susan Reyes and Howard Shpetner.

**Also present:** Administrative Assessor Kevin Rudden and Assessors' Clerk Leslie Bracebridge.

Chairman Jeffrey Quackenbush opened the meeting at 5:45 PM online using ZOOM Meeting ID 817 9470 8657, Password 6vREfG.

**The October 27, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as written.**

**The following Accountant Report was approved for signature stamps:**

- **Motor Vehicle Abatements:**

<u>Commit. Year</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Total Amount Abated</u>
2020	October (2020)	\$388.83

**Administrative Assessor's Report:**

1. Kevin reported that the Department of Revenue (DOR) has approved the total assessed value for Shutesbury for FY 22 at \$225,519,640, which is \$5,509,670 above the FY 21 value.
2. Kevin detailed the major reasons for the increase in value including:
  - a. \$1.6 million in new growth came from the major utilities – Nationalgrid, Eversource and Verizon and
  - b. A comprehensive review of personal property by Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc. (RRC) of North Andover (RRC) and
  - c. \$2,203,000 increase in residential values.
3. The FY 21 tax rate is currently calculated to be \$22.66/\$1,000.
  - a. \$0.97 of the drop from the FY 20 rate of \$22.04 is due to use of free cash in the FY 21 budget. That amount will return to the tax rate in FY 22, and
  - b. \$0.41 due to the increase in property values.
4. Kevin reviewed the informational report which he will read to the Select Board, and the 4 questions which the Select Board must decide upon, at the November 17 Tax Classification Hearing. Kevin will email the report to the Assessors for edits and comments.
5. Susan and Jeff will sign the mandated DOR forms in Gateway after the hearing.

**Board Questions and Comments:**

1. Kevin reviewed the process for entering the Select Board meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meetings:** Tuesday 11/17/20 at the Tax Classification Hearing, Tuesday 12/8/20.

**Assessors adjourned at 6:10 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted, as edited and then approved on December 8, 2020,**

**Leslie Bracebridge**  
Assessors' Clerk

**List of Documents used at the meeting:**

1. November 9, 2020 meeting agenda.
2. October 27, 2020 draft meeting minutes.
3. October motor vehicle excise abatement accountant report as detailed in minutes.
4. Proposed report of Assessors to the Select Board for November 17, 2020.