

**Town of Hingham**



**Board of Assessors  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 11, 2020**

**10:30 AM**

**2nd floor Central North, Town Hall**

**In Attendance:** Board members Greg Hall, Al Chambers, and Christine Roberts, Assessor Richard Nowlan, and Assistant Assessor Erin Walsh.

**Guest;** Joseph Mahoney

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM.

Assessor Hall made a motion to accept the minutes from the last Board meeting, Assessor Chambers second, all in favor.

At 10:35 AM, Mr. Mahoney joined the meeting. Mr. Mahoney lives in Hull, but owns a property at 170 Justice Cushing. His assessment jumped dramatically due to the fact he purchased it for \$235,000 in 2018 and it was changed from an unbuildable lot to a buildable lot. Mr. Mahoney contacted the assessors on several occasions. He contacted Assessor Nowlan in early January and was told he needed to file for an abatement application by February 3, 2020.

Mr. Mahoney explained the situation. He admitted he made a mistake on not filing on time. He said he was tied up on personal issues, was in the hospital on the 3rd, but admitted he neglected to file on time. He asked the Board if they could extend the date. After finishing, Mr. Mahoney left the meeting.

At 10:45 AM, Assessor Hall made a motion to enter executive session, Assessor Roberts second, all in favor.

At: 11:20 AM the Board returned to the regular meeting. Board members Greg Hall, Al Chambers, and Christine Roberts, Assessor Richard Nowlan and Assistant Assessor Erin Walsh in attendance,

In executive session Assessor Nowlan reminded the Board that in conjunction with the next meeting on February 25, 2020, our Attorney Ken Gurge, and Tom Mayo will join the meeting at 12:00 noon to discuss the Linden Ponds case.

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The Board granted abatements to:

42 Smith

6 Old County

12 Sunset

23 Plymouth River

120 East Street

100 Whitcomb

14 Adams Court

140 High Street

The Board denied applications for:

17 Sunset

80 Kilby

15 Colby (owner withdrew prior to meeting, but once filed the Board must act).

The Board understood Mr. Mahoney's issue, but State Law is clear. His application was late therefore the Board has no jurisdiction to act on it (nor does the ATB officially). Assessor Nowlan will review the assessment for fiscal 21 to arrive at a fair assessment figure.

By State law we can not take any applications after 2/3/2020 unless they are postmarked on 2/3/2020 or before.

Assessor Hall made a motion to set the next meeting for February 25, 2020 at 10:30 am, then to go into executive session at 12:00 noon to discuss Linden Ponds. Assessor Chambers second, all in favor

At 12:15 pm Assessor Roberts made a motion to adjourn, Assessor Chambers second, all in favor

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Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Nowlan, Assessor