



**TOWN OF DIGHTON  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
1111 Somerset Avenue · Dighton, MA 02715  
MEETING MINUTES for February 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Eric Easterday Chairman. The meeting was held at 1111 Somerset Ave. in the Old Town Hall. Chairman Easterday announced that the meeting was audio and video recorded at the end of the meeting.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Eric Easterday, Nancy Goulart, William Moore

Also Present: Stephanie Schecter, Superintendent Derek Costa and Steve Clairmont

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

William Moore moved to take Agenda Item 5. I out of order because representatives from the Bristol County Agricultural High School were at the meeting to discuss the campus solar project. It was seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to take item 5. I out of order.

Superintendent Costa gave an overview on the updates to Bristol Aggie School to create a more energy efficient environment and how they have been working with Solect Energy for the last two years discussing solar options. Steve Clairmont from Solect Energy made a power point presentation showing the board the annual campus electricity consumption and where the solar mounted roof panels would work the best. The board asked for some clarification on personal property, how many kW's would be produced and how Solect Energy benefit in this situation. The meeting ended with the board needing to review Informational Guideline Release (IGR) 21-17 Valuation and Taxation of Electric Generating Facilities and Local Finance Opinion LFO-2022-1 which were provided to the board by Town Administrator Mullen. The board also requested a copy of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to review with its consultant. It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to reach out to our consultant and Division of Local Services regarding Section 5 of 59 Clause 45 for clarification.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Late chapter land application for Map 14 L 5 and M 18 Lot 2

The board asked Stephanie Schecter to look into getting more information on deadlines for Chapter 61A Land applications and report back at the next meeting.

FY2024 Budget

The budget was discussed at the 1/18/23 meeting and there were minor questions left to answer. The board discussed equipment repair/maintenance and how to begin purchasing new computers on a rotating basis because one computer in the assessors' office is from 2018 and two are from 2019. Stephanie Schecter will check with the town accountant and the town administrator on this matter.

Evaluation

Board members had differing opinions on whether to review the evaluation in public or whether to discuss it with Stephanie Schecter privately and then discuss the scores in a public forum. Stephanie Schecter decided to review each evaluation in private first. It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to do individual evaluations in private first and then review the scores in a public forum.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sign Invoice –**

It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to sign the invoice for MAAO Winter Meeting for \$65.00:

**Motor Vehicle Abatements -**

It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to sign the following Motor Vehicle Abatements:

2022 in the amount of \$1,076.74

2021 in the amount of \$62.58

**Warrant/Commitment for Motor Vehicle Commitment 2022-07**

It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Warrant and Commitment for Motor Vehicle Commitment 7 in the amount of \$6,567.70

**Warrant/Commitment for Motor Vehicle Commitment 2023-01**

It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Warrant and Commitment for Motor Vehicle Commitment 1 in the amount of \$1,173,101.14

**Sign FY2023 Real Estate Exemptions -**

It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to sign the FY2023 Real Estate Exemptions in the amount of \$2,632.20

**Sign FY2023 CPA Exemptions -**

It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to sign the FY2023 CPA Exemptions in the amount of \$50.86

**Sign Release and Re-recording Ch 61B Lien for Map 16 Lot 27**

It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to sign the release and re-record Ch 61B Lien for Map 16 Lot 27.

**Letter from Mrs. Ferreira**

It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to table this item.

**Public Input: - NONE**

**Correspondence: -**

Daniel J. Finnegan, the lawyer representing Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts at the Appellate Tax Board, Docket No F345299, asked for a continuance to September 20, 2023 or thereafter. This letter was read into the minutes.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve and sign the regular meeting minutes of 1/18/23 and executive session minutes of 1/18/23.

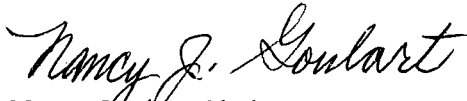
**Unanticipated Items: NONE**

**Executive Session**

At 11:27 a.m. William Moore read the provisions of the MA General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7): to comply with or act under the authority of any special law or federal grant in aid requirements. It was moved by William Moore, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE to enter into Executive Session: Roll Call Vote of Board Members: Eric Easterday-Aye, Nancy Goulart-Aye, William Moore-Aye.

William Moore announced that the board would not be returning to open session

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Goulart, Clerk

**Documents:**

Motor Vehicle Abatements 2022 & 2021, Fy2023 Real Estate and CPA Exemptions, Lien release/re-record Map 16 Lot 27, Late chapter land application, Evaluation and Budget packets, Minutes from 1/18/23, 1/18/23 Exec Session, Warr/Comm MV 2022-7 and 2023-1, Invoice for MAAO class, Eversource letter