

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:345 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.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Eric Easterday, Nancy Goulart, William Moore
Also Present: Stephanie Schecter

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OLD BUSINESS:

2440 Chestnut St

Stephanie Schecter discussed the status of 2440 Chestnut St. The lawyer reviewing the application was supposed to respond with a decision the week of 7/24/23.

Public Record Request-Dighton Electric District

Nancy Goulart discussed the meeting she and Lisa Tetreault attended with the Dighton Electric District Commissioners on Wednesday July 26, 2023. Lisa Tetreault referenced the MGL Ch. 59, Sec. 32 which states that personal property records are not public records. The commissioners accepted the reason for the denial. Nancy Goulart wrote up a letter to the Town Clerk Shara Costa explaining the outcome of the meeting and the records request should now be closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sign Invoice – None

Motor Vehicle Abatements

It was moved by William Moore and seconded by Nancy Goulart and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to sign the 2023 Motor Vehicle Abatement in the amount of \$1,492.31

Schedule Meetings though 12/31/23

The board reviewed the potential schedule for the remainder of the 2023 year. All agreed to use this schedule.

Personal Property Taxes on Solar Projects

Nancy Goulart discussed that the town should be able to set aside the annual PILOT personal property tax payments and not include them in the general fund. She is reaching out to other communities like Rehoboth that have this procedure in place and how they went about setting it up. She will update the board at the next meeting scheduled for August 20, 2023.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Review and Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Nancy Goulart, Eric Easterday stepped down as Chairman and seconded to approve and sign the regular meeting minutes for 7/21/23.

Eric Easterday-Aye

Nancy Goulart-Aye


William Moore-abstained

Unanticipated Items: None

Adjournment

It was moved by William Moore and seconded by Nancy Goulart and it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Goulart, Clerk

Documents:

MV abatements 2023, meeting minutes for 7/21/23, meeting schedule for 2023, respond to public records request information, information on solar personal property and PILOT tax payments