



**TOWN OF DIGHTON**  
**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
1111 Somerset Avenue · Dighton, MA 02715  
**MEETING MINUTES for April 6, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Nancy Goulart, Acting Chairman. The meeting was held in the upper-level meeting room at 1111 Somerset Ave. at the Old Town Hall.

Present: Carol Beauregard, Nancy Goulart, Stephanie Schecter

Absent: Eric Easterday

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Review/Sign Abatements as presented

Motor Vehicle Abatements

It was moved by Carol Beauregard, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE to approve:

FY2022 Motor Vehicle Abatement in the amount of \$ 2,712.85

FY2021 Motor Vehicle Abatement in the amount of \$ 943.35

FY2020 Motor Vehicle Abatement in the amount of \$ 147.47

Warrant/Commitment for Motor Vehicle 2022-01A

It was moved by Carol Beauregard, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE to approve the warrant/commitment for \$ 153.07.

Warrant/Commitment for Motor Vehicle 2022-02

It was moved by Carol Beauregard, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE to approve the warrant/commitment for \$ 167,777.29.

Discussion – Comments Made by a Member of the Board of Selectmen

Mrs. Goulart reported that at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on March 23, 2022, Selectman Leonard Hull made disparaging remarks about the Board of Assessors' Department and said there was a poor perception about "that office." No evidence or statements by individuals were presented to substantiate his comments. Selectman Pacheco read a letter from Mrs. Beauregard that explained certification of the elected officials and office staff in the assessors' office. Mrs. Goulart responded to Mr. Hull's comments and took exception to his remarks pointing out that he does not know what the office does or what the responsibilities of the workers are. Mr. Hull's public comments have caused upset and concern to those working in the assessor's office.

Selectman Hull's derogatory comments and unsubstantiated statements have created a hostile workplace and violate the town's Anti-Harassment Policy. Furthermore, if a member of the

Board of Selectmen or the town administrator wishes to meet with an appointed employee in the assessors' office, the procedure would be that the Board of Assessors be contacted first. It was moved by Nancy Goulart, who stepped down, seconded by Carol Beauregard, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE to send a letter to selectmen strongly objecting to Mr. Hull's continued attacks on those working in the assessors' office and to notify the selectmen of this vote as soon as possible.

Discussion possible zoning changes to solar bylaws proposed by the Planning Board

The Planning Board will discuss possible changes in the Zoning Bylaws that could institute a loss of use fee to anyone planning to develop a solar farm on forested or open farmland. Mrs. Goulart said she would attend the Planning Board meeting to get details because the town already requires a decommissioning bond to return the land to as close to its former state when the solar farm closes and the equipment is removed.

Discuss Map 8 Lot 31, Racine property located on Middle St

It has been determined that Mrs. Racine does not need to subdivide her land for a proposed solar project. The land that is used for the solar farm will be identified and be removed from Chapter 61A if the town does not exercise its right of first refusal.

Discuss Public Records Request

Mr. Leonard Hull has filed a request for public records with the town clerk seeking to know the certification status of elected officials in the assessors' office and also the number of abatements applied for and the number granted from 2019 – 2021. The board will provide the anonymous statistics for the data requested. However, the certification status of town employees is covered by the town's Personnel File Policy and Mrs. Goulart will research how to comply with both the Public Records Law and the town's Policy.

**Public Input:** None

**Correspondence:**

The email that was sent to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, and other Departments/Committees from Leah Quinn, a town resident, was read. Mrs. Quinn was critical of the bashing by Mr. Hull of the Cable Committee, Board of Health, and now the Board of Assessors. She reminded him of promises he made when he ran for elected office. She criticized him for singling out one elected assessor.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Carol Beauregard, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE to approve minutes of February 23, 2022 as presented.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:25 a.m. it was moved by Carol Beauregard, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE to enter into Executive Session under MGL-Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7): to comply with or act under the authority of any special law or federal grant in aid requirements. Nancy Goulart stated they would not return to open session.

**Unanticipated Items:** None

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Carol Beauregard, seconded by Nancy Goulart, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Beauregard, Clerk Pro-tem

Documents:

Warrant/Commitment for Sewer Bill

Payroll

Water District, Electric District, Sewer, MV, CPA and Real Estate Abatements

Leah Quinn email

Public Records Request

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