

ASSESSORS



KEVIN E. TAUGHER, Chair
 THOMAS R. REIDY, Clerk
 Member

MELISSA L. COUTURE RIMBOLD, Associate Assessor

July 10, 2018

This meeting was a joint meeting between the Selectboard and Assessors for the purpose of appointing a new member to the vacant position of Assessor.

Mr. Taugher called the meeting of the Assessors to order at 7:04 p.m. Present at meeting were Mr. Kevin Taugher, Mr. Thomas Reidy and Mrs. Melissa Couture Rimbald. Selectboard members present were Bruce Forcier, Sarah Etelman, Ira Brezinsky, Andrea Miles, Jeffrey Cyr and Town Administrator Michael Sullivan.

The Selectboard finished their art reception with a few words from the artist. Mr. Taugher then took a photo of the artist with the Selectboard and Town Administrator.

At 7:12 p.m. the Selectboard opened the interviews for Board of Assessors. Mr. Brezinsky stated that this appointment will fill the vacant position until the next annual election in April. Mr. Sullivan reminded members present that the first candidate to receive four (4) votes would gain the position. The candidates were Marilyn Ishler and Evelyn (Lynn) Masson.

Mr. Brezinsky called upon Mrs. Ishler. Mrs. Ishler was asked to provide any additional information about herself. Mrs. Ishler stated that she forgot to mention all of the work she has done with the Lions Club. She explained her accomplishments.

Mr. Brezinsky then asked for questions starting with the Assessors. Mr. Taugher stated that based on the resume provided there were no questions. There were also no questions from Selectboard members. Mrs. Ishler was thanked for her time.

Mr. Brezinsky then called upon Mrs. Masson. Mrs. Masson was asked to provide any additional information about herself. She stated her previous work on the Board of Assessors in Littleton as well as her work as the Assessor for the Town of Concord from 2004 to 2011. She stated that she then went back onto the board in Littleton until she moved earlier this year.

Mr. Brezinsky again asked for questions starting with the Assessors. Mr. Taugher asked if Mrs. Masson was registered to vote in South Hadley. She stated she had not yet done that. Mr. Taugher informed her that when our office checked she was listed in the state's voter registration system. No other questions from board members were offered.

Mrs. Masson stated she would like to ask a couple of questions. She asked if South Hadley had a single tax rate. Mr. Taugher responded affirmatively. She then asked what percentage of Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property the town has. She was informed it was less than 9%. She thanked the members for their time. She was thanked for her time as well.

Mr. Brezinsky stated he would entertain nominations. Mr. Taugher made a motion to nominate Evelyn Masson. Mr. Forcier made a motion to nominate Marilyn Ishler. As both candidates have been nominated, Mr. Brezinsky called for a vote on the motion to nominate Mrs. Masson starting with the Assessors and then the Selectboard starting on his right with Mr. Cyr. Mr. Reidy – aye, Mr. Taugher – aye, Mr. Cyr – aye, Mrs. Miles – aye. The Chair stopped the voting as four (4) affirmative votes were cast. Mrs. Masson is appointed as the new member of the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Brezinsky again extended his thanks to Mrs. Ishler.

Adjournment:

Mr. Reidy made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Taugher. Motion passes 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa L. Couture Rimbald
Associate Assessor

List of documents reviewed during meeting

Board appointment applications

Associate Assessor files