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**Board of Assessors**

Garrett Boles  
Jenifer Evans  
Rena Swezey

**Principal Assessor**

Rena E. Swezey

**7:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**November 16, 2016**

**Present:**

**Garrett Boles  
Donald R. Black  
Jenifer Evans**

**Others:**

**Rena Swezey  
Jonathan Greeno**

**Meeting with the Charter Review Committee**

The chair call the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

All members present.

The Board of Assessors attended as two changes were proposed by the selectman Jack Petropoubis for the Assessor's office.

The first change was changing the title of the Principal Assessors and the other change was no one in the Assessor's office to be and elected assessor on the board.

A long discussion ensued and Boles and Evans had comments on changes. Boles was appointed to the Board of Assessors in North Andover and served as both a board member and ran the office. Evans had comments as to her position on the subject and get into not having input in the performance evaluations on the office employees. Since the subject was getting too much in Personal matters the HR Director suggested the subject not continue.

The board returned to the office and Mr. Boles made a motion to reopen the Assessor's meeting, seconded by Mr. Black, all in favor. Mr. Black questioned why these changes were taken to the CRC and Evans stated that she took the issue to the Selectmen to bring forward.

The board held a discussion on the cost tables and the land values. It was agreed to change Colonials to \$84.00 a sq. foot. And other changes to the price on styles previous discussed.

Swezey related the stats on the Site Indexes were not working in the Vision System. Two SI feel too far below the required 90% and needed to be changed in order for Boston to approve. SI 1 needed to be adjusted up to .97. SI 7 was coming in at .76% and needed to be adjusted to at least 20% to meet the DOR requirements. Boles had asked Swezey to call DOR and ask if SI 7 could be approved and .76%. The DOR would not allow SI 7 or SI1 at such low percentages. Swezey told the board it would not be allowed. Mr. Boles made a motion to accept the stat on the land values adjusting the two neighborhoods to meet the approved stats, seconded by Evans, all in favor.

Boles made a motion to submit to Boston in order to get approval and set the tax rate for FY 17, seconded by Evans all in favor.

**Mr. Boles made a motion to adjourn at 9:50P.M. Seconded by Evans second, all in favor.**

**The board is on the agenda for Nov. 16 with the Charter Review Committee.**

**Respectfully submitted: Rena Swezey**