

Lakeville Board of Assessors  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, Nov 21, 2019



Board Members present: John Olivieri, Jonathan Pink, Aaron Burke and Harald Scheid -  
Regional Assessor, Linda Pendergrace - clerk

Meeting called to order at 4 pm by John Olivieri  
Meeting recorded by LakeCam  
No Public Comment

Meeting Minutes: Aaron Burke made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written from October 3, 2019. Jon Pink Second. No discussion and all in favor. Jon Pink-aye and John Olivieri-aye, Aaron Burke-aye. Motion carried minutes approved.

Signed invoices for W.B, Mason  
Plymouth County Register of Deeds

Signed Statutory Exemption Report dated November 21, 2019

Signed Monthly Reports for MV, BT, and PP

Signed MV Warrant and Commitment 6

Signed Warrant and Commitment for Sale of Town Possessions

Harald's update on GIS - CAI came to Lakeville to showcase Lakeville's new GIS program. It was well received town departments. We are at the point where we want to go live and post it to the internet with GIS resources available to the world. Some resources will be kept under password protection by department heads. Harald sent an email out to CAI asking them to roll-out our GIS to the greater public. After that happens we will notify the town Administrator and town departments. Once we are past the tax rate season Harald will reach out to department heads seeking input for potential GIS data layers that should be added.

Review classification hearing document – report that Harald is presenting on Monday at 5pm at the Police Station. This is about establishing a tax rate for residential and commercial properties. In the past we have adopted a single rate. The Board recommends that the Selectmen adopt a single rate. Comment that Harald will discuss with the Selectmen is that it will take about roughly 7% increase in commercial taxes to yield a 1% reduction in residential taxes. This is because Lakeville's commercial sector is relatively small compared to the whole. Valuations are generally increasing. We are anticipating a tax rate reduction from \$13.30 to \$13.06. Aaron moved that the Board of Assessors adopt a single tax rate for 2020. Jon Pink seconded. All members voted in favor.

Tax title research – Harald spoke of Matt Larson who works on his staff. He is training him to do title work and one of his first assignments is working on the long list of tax title properties that we have talked about a couple years ago. He is doing the research, making sure we established a good chain of title. He will also inspect each property. Harald will come back to the Board with periodic reports a report.

Boat Excise – Collection rate is less than 50%, The cost to upload the file is about \$1,500.00. Harald recommends suspending the boat excise. He stated that boards across the state have suspended the boat excise tax due to the unreliability of their database. Suspending the boat excise tax until the state's Environmental Police improve their process for tracking boat ownership and places of mooring should be considered by the BOA. John made a motion to suspend boat excise tax for the next cycle, Aaron seconded, all board members in favor. Motion passes.

On November 21, 2019, at 4:24 P.M, at the end of their regular meeting, Chairman John Olivieri entertained a motion to go into Executive Session and not return to Open Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21a (7) to discuss an ATB litigation case All in favor. Polled vote: Board Member A. Burke – Aye, Member J. Pink-Aye and Chairman M. Olivieri-Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24pm