



# *Town of Mansfield*

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Board of Assessors

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## **TOWN OF MANSFIELD BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES**

### ***Wednesday, August 11, 2021 Meeting***

1. At 6:01 p.m. Chairperson Greg Matoian (“Chair”) opened the Town of Mansfield, MA Board of Assessors (“BOA”) held in the MBC Room on the third floor of the Town of Mansfield Town Hall.
2. The following people were in attendance:
  1. Greg Matoian, Chair,
  2. Andrew S. Bank, member,
  3. Dana J. St. James, Clerk
  4. Daniel C. Brogie (non-voting, Chief Assessor), and
  5. Steven Schoonveld, Select Board Member and liaison to the BOA (non-voting, guest)
3. Steven Schoonveld invited the BOA to meet with the Select Board offering the following possible meeting dates: September 15, 2021; September 29, 2021; October 6, 2021 and October 20, 2021 in order to discuss the trend the BOA is seeing in the residential real estate values and commercial real estate values. The information will be useful to the Select Board in determining its recommendations for the Split Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022. The Chair and Chief Assessor noted that information regarding the latest assessed property values is not yet available but once it is, the BOA will be happy to share it with the Select Board either by having one or more BOA members attend an upcoming Select Board meeting or via a written communication. The BOA then shared its concern with Steven Schoonveld regarding the amount of money in Mansfield’s overlay account (“Overlay”). The BOA members pointed out that the Overlay is to cover abatements granted, taxes determined to be uncollectable, and to settle ATB cases and claims. The BOA opines that the current Overlay may be inadequate and wishes to alert the Select Board that, when determining the contribution to the Overlay in the next town budget, it needs to consider historic Overlay payouts, potential liability from outstanding open ATB cases and the BOA’s concern over increased growth in all such abatements and claims in light of the ongoing

Covid-19 pandemic. Steven Schoonveld agreed to convey the BOA's concerns to the Select Board.

4. The BOA reviewed and approved the minutes of July 14, 2021 by unanimous vote.
5. The BOA reviewed and approved the Weekly Excise Tax Abatements by unanimous vote.
6. The BOA Reviewed and approved the 2021 Warrant to Collector for Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Commitment 3.
7. The Chair confirmed that there was no business not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to the meeting.
8. The Chair made a motion to go into Executive Session called under G.G.c.30A s21(s)(7) to comply with G.L.c. 59 section 60 to discuss pending ATB cases and to review and discuss a clause exemption. Said motion was unanimously passed by unanimous roll call vote.
9. The open meeting adjourned at 6.48 p.m. and the BOA entered into Executive Session until 7:35 p.m.

  
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Dana J. St. James

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