



Town of Seekonk
Massachusetts
Board of Assessors

Seekonk Town Hall: Assessors Office

PAUL K. BUCKLEY, CHAIRMAN
NELSON ALMEIDA, VICE CHAIRMAN
EDWARD F. MCGOVERN, CLERK

LYDIA A. CORDEIRO, TOWN ASSESSOR
MAUREEN E. HASENFUS, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR

REGULAR MINUTES

February 2, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Chairman, Paul K. Buckley called the Board of Assessors Regular Meeting to order on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Paul K. Buckley, Chairman; Nelson Almeida, Vice Chairman; Edward F. McGovern, Clerk; and Lydia A. Cordeiro; Town Assessor

1. Review/Approve Open Meeting Law Complaint response from Town Council

Town Assessor Cordeiro presented to the Board of Assessors the final draft from KP Law regarding the Open Meeting Law (OML) complaint filed by Edward F. McGovern. Clerk McGovern took issue that a different letter from the last meeting was being presented. Chairman Buckley explained that he and the Vice Chairman had Legal Counsel take out a sentence. Clerk McGovern feels the story is always changing that he cannot get a direct answer. Although he filed the complaint, he has the ability to raise issues with the letter from legal counsel and is not happy that the original time of this meeting was set for 5:00 PM. Vice Chairman Almeida was under the impression that Clerk McGovern would abstain from the vote so meeting early could happen. Chairman Buckley said "he was thinking the same as Vice Chairman Almeida."

Town Assessor Cordeiro asked Clerk McGovern if he was taping this meeting. Clerk McGovern stated yes as the agenda does not state that recording is not allowed.

Vice Chairman Almeida moved to approve the draft from Town Council regarding the Open Meeting Law (OML) Complaint filed by Edward F. McGovern. Chairman Buckley seconded. The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye, Nelson Almeida – Aye Edward F. McGovern – Abstained. The Motion passed.

2. Adjournment

Clerk McGovern motioned to adjourn the Open Meeting Session Vice Chairman Almeida seconded. The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye, Nelson Almeida – Aye Edward F. McGovern– Aye.
The Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Paul K. Buckley, Chairman



Nelson Almeida, Vice Chairman



Edward F. McGovern, Clerk

Documents Distributed:

Open Meeting Law Complaint

Draft from Legal regarding the Open Meeting Law Complaint