

TOWN OF CARVER ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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November 21, 2023

Present: Ellen Blanchard, MAA, Chair, Michael Paduch

Also Present: Joe Roche – Town Assessor

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Blanchard at 5:30 P.M.

Discuss Classification Hearing:

The Board reviewed information to be presented at the Tax Classification Hearing.

Attend Classification Hearing:

On a motion by Mike and seconded by Ellen the Board voted to recess and reconvene at the Select Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Assessors presented information relative to the classification and valuation of land and presented their recommendations on the Open Space Discount, Small Commercial Exemption, Residential Exemption, and the classification of the Tax Rate.

Ellen and Mike strongly urged the Select Board to adopt a Shift Percentage of 140% decreasing the amount shifted to the CIP classes by 5%.

The Shift to 140% would place less of a burden on small business owners, farmers, and cranberry growers.

Despite the compelling argument made, the Select Board continued to maintain the practice of shifting to 145%.

Following the presentation the Board of Assessors recessed to reconvene at the Assessor's office.

On a motion by Mike and seconded by Ellen the Board voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoe Roche, MAA Town Assessor