



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Lenox

ASSESSOR'S MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2022 @ 9:00am

Town Hall: 6 Walker St. Lenox, MA 01240

Board Members: Thomas Romeo, Chairman

Wayne Lemanski, Board Member

Jaimy Messana, Board Member

Heather Durant, Assessors' Clerk

Attendees: Brenda Marra, Collector/Treasurer

Christopher Ketchen, Town Manager

MaryBeth Mitts, Select Board Member

1. Tom Romeo called the meeting to order at 9:00am
2. The Board discussed the proposed final valuations and the response from taxpayers. The total real estate and personal property growth increase is a median range of 21%. The residential increase is range of 21-25%, the condo median range is about 25% and commercial median is about a 3.5% increase. New growth is down from fiscal 2022. At the time of meeting the final approved values from the DOR were not yet available.
3. The Board, along with Chris and Brenda, discussed in detail the concerns about future projections for taxpayers. The Board of Assessors made the recommendation to keep the split rate as current. The Board stated, upon approval of the final numbers, they thought it would be best if Chris made the recommendation to the Select Board. Chris will present the Select Board with the presentation which will show various scenarios reflecting the split rate shift between the commercial and residential taxpayers. The Board of Assessors is confident a slight shift would be supported by the Select Board. The Classification meeting will be held December 7th with the Select Board to finalize setting the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023.
4. Motion made by Tom to approve the meeting minutes from November 15, & November 21, 2022, seconded by Jaimy. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Motion made by Tom to adjourn at approximately 10:30. Seconded by Wayne. Motion carried 3-0.

Date Approved: 12/19/22

Chair: Thomas J. Romeo