

MINUTES – New Salem Board of Assessors  
ZOOM CONFERENCE MEETING  
October 10, 2023, 7:00PM

Present: Board Members – Bill Lafley, Dave Briand and Eric Hamm. Also attending Adam Hemingway from RRG

Meeting Commenced at 7:05 PM

Minutes of 9/26/23 – passed unanimous

Documents to sign – 2 Chapter 61 apps, 1 Veterans Exemptions, 2 senior exemptions.

Certification of tax rate – DOR has some questions about Commercial Industrial, 2<sup>nd</sup> homes and Chapter lands and needs data from Vision. RRG will respond. Hopefully we will be ready for the tax rate hearing with the Selectboard by the end of November.

Board discussed land values in New Salem in light of the COVID pandemic move to rural areas, improved internet access, etc. and Adam shared some stats on how land values have risen significantly over the past 10 years.

Bill mentioned he put in the request for funds to join the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers but the organization would like each of us to create a profile. Link is in the email Bill sent to members a couple weeks ago.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully,

Bill Lafley  
Chair, New Salem Board of Assessors