



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES TASK FORCE

Minutes Meeting, Tuesday January 30, 2024, 6:00pm, Assessor's Office meeting room

The Somerville Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) task force held a public meeting on Tuesday, January 30th, 2024, at 6:00PM at City Hall, Assessor's Office, 93 Highland Ave. Somerville.

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 6:00-6:45PM

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00PM
2. Roll call:
Present: Marianne Walles, Catherine Maclean, Matthew Caughey, Emily Ackman and Councilor Jesse Clingan
Absent: Kimberly Hutter (designee Mayor)
A quorum was present with 5 members present out of a task force potentially consisting of 7 members.
3. Short review Mass General Law regarding Exempt Real Property G.L. c.59, §5; Overview exempt real property owners valued over \$15M; discussion of Boston Payment in Lieu guidelines; (see attached handout with discussed information).
4. request for detailed information which parcels are owned by exempt Real Property owners valued over \$15M; request for percentage of property in Somerville owned by exempt Real Property owners, including state and local government; research possibilities finding out community contributions by exempt Real Property owners with property valued over \$15M; request to find out which department leads PILOT negotiations in other cities and towns near Somerville.
5. Voted to elect chair of PILOT task force: Marianne Walles as chair was put forward by member Matthew Caughey; this was unanimously supported in a vote to elect Marianne Walles as chair of PILOT task force.
6. Next meeting is set for Tuesday March 26 at 6:00PM at City Hall, Assessor's Office, 93 Highland Ave. Somerville.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Janneke Donovan
Liaison PILOT task force

