

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES

Assessor's Office, Town Hall

Meeting at 2:00 P.M.

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** : 2:00 p.m.
- II. **PRESENT**: Richard Waystack, Bruce Nightingale, Jay Kavanaugh, Carlene Jones, Madison Griben, Michael Lach
- III. **WEEKLY BRIEFING**: Office Update
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**:
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: Mr. Nightingale made a motion to accept and release the minutes of 8/5/2025 and 8/26/2025 but not to release executive minutes seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh, so voted.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**:
 - SHI List - Look into who creates the PILOT programs for Harwich? Call DOR and see where the PILOTS come from and what is allowed for taxation. What is the difference between using PILOTS V. Income and Expense reporting for Subsidized housing.
 - Have a clean, finalized copy of the SHI policy for next meeting.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**:
 - Presentation from Michael Lach- Harwich Conservation Trust
 - Discussion of conservation land being exempt causing a negligible impact to tax rate.
 - Board of assessors thought the document looked good but felt Mr. Lach should add some information regarding cost savings in wastewater and using established buildings for housing rather than tearing them down.
 - Discussed this is also good information to have for people asking questions regarding taxes and what affects them.
 - Board of Assessors to support Harwich Conservation Trust analysis once additions are made.
- VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: Pursuant to M.G.L. C. 30a § 21 (a)(7).
 - Mr. Nightingale made a motion to go into Executive Session at 3:08 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh, so voted.
 - Mr. Nightingale made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 3:21 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh, so voted.
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT**: Mr. Nightingale made a motion to adjourn at 3:24 p.m. and it was seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh, so voted.
- X. **MISC**:

Next Meeting: October 7, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. in the Assessing Office
