

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**Stow Town Building**  
**380 Great Road, Stow, MA**

**Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2022**

- Call to order at 7:05 PM

Leonard Golder (Chair), Saji Johnson (Member) and Thomas Ryan (Member) of the Board of Assessors were present. Kristen Fox (Principal Assessor) and Stuart Carter (Assistant Assessor) were present. Linda Hathaway (Town Clerk) was also present. All participation was remote by Zoom.

**All votes were by roll-call.**

- A motion was made by Leonard Golder to accept the minutes from **November 9, 2022**, seconded by Thomas Ryan.
  - Leonard Golder                      yes
  - Saji Johnson                              abstain
  - Thomas Ryan                              yes
  
- Discussion: Town Charter as it relates to the Board of Assessors. The Board discussed keeping the Board members elected, changing to an appointed Board, or having a hybrid Board with some elected and some appointed members. Thomas Ryan made a motion to recommend to the Charter Review Committee that it be put to town residents at the next Town Meeting that the Board be changed to an appointed Board of registered voters of Stow. Furthermore, he proposed that the term of each member remain as three years staggered so that one member is up for re-appointment each year. Furthermore, he proposed that should the Board only have two suitable candidates whom are registered voters. The Principal Assessor may be appointed for a one-year term(s) to bring the Board complement to three members. Leonard Golder proposed that the appointments to the Board be made by the Select Board and that all applications be presented to the Select Board. The motion was seconded by Saji Johnson.
  - Thomas Ryan                              yes
  - Leonard Golder                              no
  - Saji Johnson                                yes

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: TBD**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Stuart Carter, MAA, Assistant Assessor

Approved:

  
 Leonard Golder, Chair

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 Saji Johnson, Member

  
 Thomas Ryan III, Member