

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 30, 2023**

**Present: Eric Eichorn, Dan Hammock, and Mark Burnett**

**The meeting started at 4:00 p.m.**

**The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from 9/18/2023. Mark Burnett made the motion, Erik Eichorn seconded. All voted in favor.**

**The Board reviewed and signed motor vehicle abatements as well as bill schedules.**

**The Principal Assessor updated the Board about the loss of value for FY2024 Northfield Mountain Project. The value is dropping from 911 million to 777 million per the draft report. This is a direct result of interest rates rising. The increase in the tax rate based on FY2023 values was 1.19 per 1,000 for R/O and 2.06 per 1,000 for CIP.**

**The Principal Assessor updated the Board regarding the increase in residential values. The range was from 1% to 9% with the average being 5.5% based on sales from 1/1/2022-12/31/2022.**

**The Principal Assessor and the Board discussed requesting a part-time clerk in the office to work between 5 and 8 hours a week. The Board asked for more information regarding the cost of outside consultants and the matter will be discussed at a future meeting.**

**The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. on 11/20/2023.**

**At 4:45 p.m. the Board voted to enter into Executive Session under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 39, Section 23B to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if any open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's litigation The Assessors would not be returning to public session.**

**Burnett – Aye**

**Eichorn – Aye**

**Hammock – Aye**

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Jacquelyn M. Boyden, MAA**

**Principal Assessor**

**Town of Erving**

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