



# Town of Barnstable

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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MEETING JANUARY 20, 2026

William Garreffo, Chairman called the Session to order at 4:45 p.m. in the Planning & Development Conference Room. In attendance was William Garreffo - Chairman; Mel Pauze - Board Member; John Curran - Director; Pamela Taylor - Assistant Director and Lisa Henderson - Clerk.

### ROLL CALL

Garreffo-present; Pauze-present

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Abatement season has started and we are already receiving abatement applications. We have also received our first 2026 motor vehicle excise tax file with approximately 50,000 records which staff is currently working on. Our field inspector Susan Ricci is retiring and her last day in the office is this Friday.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed accepting the minutes of the December 2, 2025 meeting. There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025 meeting. Vote was **UNANIMOUS** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the December 2, 2025 meeting.

Garreffo-yes; Pauze-yes

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was a motion and a second to convene Executive Session for the following reasons: Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(7), to comply with G.L. c. 59 §60 the Board of Assessors may vote to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to review and approve the minutes of the executive session held on December 2, 2025, and to review and approve Fiscal 2026 Actual Real Estate, Personal Property, Business Improvement District, Omit/Revised Commitment(s) and Warrant(s), Monthly Reports, Statutory Exemptions, Residential Exemptions, 3ABC Charitable Exemption & Chapter Land application(s), abatement application(s) and any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21 (a)(3), the Board of Assessors may vote to go into Executive Session to review and discuss pending litigation strategy at the Appellate Tax Board.

If so voted, the Board will reconvene in Open Session.

Roll call vote to *Enter* Executive Session at 4:55 PM.  
Vote was **UNANIMOUS** to Enter Executive Session.

Garreffi-yes; Pauze-yes

Roll call vote to *Conclude* the Executive Session at 5:35 PM and not reconvene in Open Session.  
Vote was **UNANIMOUS** to *Conclude the* Executive Session at 5:35 PM and not reconvene in Open Session.

Garreffi-yes; Pauze-yes

The Board exited executive session at 5:35 PM.

The next Board of Assessors Meeting is scheduled for: **February 12, 2026.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

*Minutes prepared by Lisa Henderson under the supervision of William Garreffi - Chairman*

  
William Garreffi - Chairman