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Town of Nahant
VACANT SEAT BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is a three member elected board, each member being elected on alternate years for a three-year term. The Board meets regularly, usually two times a month. Their meetings are open to the public. The Town Clerk is responsible for posting their Meeting Notices.

The Assessors provide vital financial services to the town that enable municipal officials to prepare accurate, reliable spending and revenue plans. As officials create their budgets for public safety, schools, public works, recreation and other essential services, they need to know what taxable real and personal property is available to support the high-level quality of life local residents expect.

The Assessor's Office is responsible for appraising and assessing approximately 1587 real estate parcels and over 300 personal property accounts, as well as annual motor vehicle and vessel excise accounts. The Board of Assessors is required by Massachusetts Law to list and value all real and personal property on an annual basis. Valuation is subject to ad valorem taxation. Therefore, assessed values in Massachusetts are based on a full and fair cash value, or 100% of the fair market value, as of January 1st every year. The Assessing office currently consists of one full-time employee, the Town Assessor, and various Senior Work-off Abatement personnel.

The Town Assessor is a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor who assists the Board and other Town Officials in maintaining positive relations with the residents and property owners. The work of the Board of Assessors is always open and transparent to the public, bolstering confidence in the integrity of the local tax system and provides critical services necessary for the municipality to properly serve its taxpayers by:

- Raising and collecting local revenues (real and personal property taxes, excise taxes on motor vehicles and boats);
- Keeping accurate, reliable data on taxable property that assists in planning as well as economic development decisions;
- Reviewing exemptions and abatement applications;
- Inspecting parcels to update property information;
- Establishing values to meet the Mass DOR requirements for annual year adjustments whether it is for interim year or certification year approval.

Any person elected or appointed as an assessor must be a Nahant resident, and meet the minimum qualification standards of an assessor, and complete the basic course of training and pass the examination prepared by the Commissioner of Revenue.

The role of the Assessor as defined above is critical to all aspects of a community's financial health. It is imperative that the person in this position, be it elected or appointed, maintain professional standards sufficient to accomplish these crucial and important tasks.

If interested in being appointed to the assessor position please send an email or letter explaining why you want to serve, along with a resume, to the Town of Nahant, Town Assessor, Sheila Hambleton, Town Hall, Nahant, MA 01908, shambleton@nahant.org, by **Friday July 9, 2021**.

This vacancy must be filled at a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and remaining members of the Board of Assessors which will take place on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, time to be determined.