

CITY OF GARDNER

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 @ 2:00PM, Room 229, City Hall

In Attendance: Paulette Burns – Member, Christine Kumar – City Assessor
(Charles LeBlanc was unable to attend)

Meeting commenced at 2:00PM

- Paulette made a motion to accept the minutes of January 22, 2026, as written, seconded by Christine. 2-0 so voted, motion passed.

Assessor Update: At our previous meeting, Charles LeBlanc was nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Assessors. As he was not present, Christine was in contact with him and he accepted that position.

Discuss residential solar and move to classify them as exempt for 20 years. Residential solar has never been assessed or taxed by the City, but for the couple of years we have received abatement applications for those residential solar systems from the leasing companies. The state recommended that we officially classify them as exempt so there is no question going forward

- Christine made the following motion: That the Gardner Board of Assessors hereby approve and grant an exemption pursuant to the General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 45, to all rooftop residential solar facilities in Gardner not capable of producing more than 125% of the annual electricity needs of the real property upon which it is located including both contiguous or non-contiguous real property within the same municipality in which there is common ownership interest. Said exemption shall be for twenty years. The motion was seconded by Paulette. 2-0 so voted, motion passed.

Executive Session:

- At 2:10PM, Paulette made a motion to go into Executive Session, not to return to Open Session upon adjournment, seconded by Christine. 2-0 so voted, motion passed.
- Reviewed and approved the following:
Clause 22E (2) Clause 37 (1)
- Reviewed and approved (3) Real Estate Abatements

Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully Submitted by:

Christine Kumar
City Assessor