



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Board of Assessment Appeals Minutes of Special Meeting March 27, 2018

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals Special Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:00 in Shared Meeting Room #3, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut

Members Present: James McFarland (Chairman), Deborra Zukowski, Connie Cooper and John Godin (6:46PM)

Staff Present: Lynn Kovack (Clerk)

James called the meeting to order at 6:04PM

Approval of Minutes:

- September 5, 2017 – Approved – (M) James (2nd) Deborra
- September 6, 2017 – Approved – (M) James (2nd) Deborra
- March 14, 2018 – Approved – (M) Deborra (2nd) Connie

Tabled Minutes from February 28, 2018, March 6, 2018 and March 15, 2018

Public Participation – James explained the process and answered questions for a couple of appellant's prior to the start of Hearings

Unfinished Business – Date for Back log of first meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:00PM in the Health Conference Room. Deliberations/Possible Action

New Business

- Discussion on hearing Appellant's case's regarding Commercial properties valued over \$1,000,000 - Approved to hear these cases. (M) Deborra (2nd) Connie
- Vote on adding additional days for the Commercial hearings was approved with dates of April 12, 2018 and April 25, 2018 to hear the cases. (M) John (2nd) Deborra
- Chairman of the Board of Assessment is Approved and James McFarland will be the new Chairman of the Board of Assessment Appeals (M) John (2nd) Deborra

The Board Administered oaths, took statements and voted on the following:

- Mary Liscinsky – 58 Eden Hill Road – Excessive Assessment Increase – **Tabled** – Assessor to go out and confirm interior condition is average and/or make changes
- Goldberg Funding represented by Rosario Debrizzi – 107 Brushy Hill Road – Property Value has deteriorated to a tear down – **Disapproved** – Assessment for the property is consistent with the assessment of the provided comps, when accounting for the excess land (M) Deborra (2nd) Connie
- Joseph Kearney with Atty Bob Hall and Real Estate Agent Kathy Hamilton – 9 Daniels Hill Road – Appraised value exceeds fair market value – **Approved** – Given the steep slope on 2/3 of the property, the land should be valued at 0.8 for land on which the house is situated and 0.5 for the excess land (M) Deborra (2nd) Connie
- John Hastedt – 11 Sand Hill Road – Appraised excessively – **Disapproved** – Assessment is correct as is. No changes (M) John (2nd) Deborra
- J.H. Hastedt Associates Inc. (John Hastedt) – 12 Shepaug Road – Appraised excessively – **Disapproved** – Assessment is correct. No changes (M) John (2nd) Deborra
- Gary Liljengren – 15 Split Rock Road – **Approved** – Change Grade from a B to a B- (M) John (2nd) Connie
- Thomas & Maureen McCaffrey – 826 Brookside Court – Excessive Assessment Increase – **Tabled** – To be deliberated with other Townhouses/Condos at a later date

- Paul Gorman for Robert Bambino – 365 South Main Street – land valued incorrectly – **Tabled** – To be deliberated with other Commercial Properties on April 12, 2018
- Patrick Sullivan – 27 Bridge End Farm Lane – Excessive Assessment Increase – **Tabled** – Assessor to look into why assessment went up in a one Month time frame
- Bluelinx Corporation (Attorneys John Parese and John Russo) 201 South Main Street – Bluelinx does not own the tower that is located on their property – **Tabled** – Assessor to work with the Town Clerk to establish the correct owner

There being no other business to transact the meeting was adjourned at 10:12PM

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Kovack
Board of Assessment Appeals