



TOWN OF NEWTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

NEWTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS SPECIAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT: Kadri Graffeo, Scott Reiss, Alex Villamil, Edward Randall

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Reiss called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Discussion and Possible Action:

- Conduct hearings for Scheduled Appellants: (Room #1)
 - **Jeffrey Corsello & Dawn Hatfield** – *Real Estate at 14 Old Farm Hill Road*
Mr. Reiss began by administering the statutory oath. Jeffrey Corsello presented his case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Reiss made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Ms. Graffeo. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **Jennifer M Janutolo** – *Real Estate at 39 Taunton Hill Rd*
Mr. Reiss began by administering the statutory oath. Jennifer M Janutolo presented her case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Reiss made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Villamil. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **William & Linda Haggerty** – *Real Estate at 38 Elizabeth Circle*
Mr. Reiss began by administering the statutory oath. William & Linda Haggerty presented their case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Ms. Graffeo made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **Dolores Winans** – *Real Estate at 21 St George Place*
Mr. Reiss began by administering the statutory oath. Dolores Winans presented her case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Ms. Graffeo made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Randall. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **Donald & Irene Carlson** – *Real Estate at 75 St George Place*
Mr. Reiss began by administering the statutory oath. Dolores Winans agent for Donald & Irene Carlson presented the case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Randall made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Villamil. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).

- **Dorothy Lange**– *Real Estate at 62 Elizabeth Circle*
Mr. Reiss began by administering the statutory oath. Dolores Winans agent for Dorothy Lange presented the case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Villamil made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Randall. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
- **Dennis & Elizabeth Brestovansky** – *Real Estate at 11 Longview Heights Rd*
Mr. Reiss began by administering the statutory oath. Dennis Brestovansky presented their case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Reiss made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Villamil. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
- Conduct hearings for Scheduled Appellants: (Room #3)
 - **Cynthia Palkimas & Mary Atkinson** – *Real Estate at 8 Waterview Drive*
Mr. Villamil began by administering the statutory oath. Cynthia Palkimas & Mary Atkinson presented their case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the reduction in the assessed value from \$498,610 to \$421,718. Seconded by Ms. Graffeo. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **Blake Joblin** – *Real Estate at 21 Robin Hill Road*
Mr. Villamil began by administering the statutory oath. Blake Joblin presented his case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the reduction in the assessed value on the dwelling only from \$532,710, to \$490,000. Also, conduct a field audit to confirm appellants claim of second story reduction in finished square footage from 1824 to 1694. Seconded by Mr. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **Richard Halpern** – *Real Estate at 25 Brook Bridge Drive*
Mr. Villamil began by administering the statutory oath. Richard Halpern presented his case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Villamil made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Randall. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **Neal & Suzanne DeYoung**– *Real Estate at 9 Gopher Road*
Mr. Villamil began by administering the statutory oath. Neal DeYoung presented their case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Villamil made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Randall. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **Lawrence & Daphne Weston** – *Real Estate at 2 Bridle Path Trail*
Mr. Villamil began by administering the statutory oath. Lawrence Weston presented their case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Villamil made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **AnaMaria Beard** – *Real Estate at 60 Waterview Dr*
Mr. Villamil began by administering the statutory oath. AnaMaria Beard presented her case to appeal the assessment of the property listed above.
Mr. Villamil made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
- Deliberated and finalized decisions as noted in the above motions.

- Deliberate motions from previous meetings:
 - **Steve Poyak & Katalin Poyak – Real Estate at 5 Twist Hill Lane**
 At the March 13, 2023 BAA meeting the board made a motion to deny the appeal subject to the assessor making a field visit to assess accuracy of grade and adjust assessment based on findings.
 A discussion was held on the above motion.
Mr. Reiss made a motion to rescind the above motion made on March 13, 2023.
Seconded by Mr. Villamil. Motion to rescind is denied (0-4).
 - **David Landau & Jennifer Landau – Real Estate at 13 Wiley Lane**
 At the March 13, 2023 BAA meeting the board a motion to deny the appeal and direct assessor to reduce the grade from C+ to C and set new assessment based on the revised grade.
 A discussion was held on the above motion.
Mr. Reiss made a motion to rescind the above motion made on March 13, 2023.
Seconded by Mr. Villamil. Motion passes (3-1, Randall opposed).
Ms. Graffeo made a motion to approve the appeal and reduce the grade from C+ to C.
Seconded by Mr. Villamil. Motion fails (1-3, Reiss, Randall, & Villamil opposed).
 - **Allen Raiano – Real Estate at 56 Farrell Road**
 At the March 13, 2023 BAA meeting the board made a motion to deny the appeal subject to an on-site inspection to determine if the B grade is accurate or if it should be reduced to a lower grade.
 A discussion was held on the above motion.
Mr. Reiss made a motion to rescind the above motion made on March 13, 2023.
Seconded by Mr. Villamil. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the appeal and reduce the grade from B to C+.
Seconded by Ms. Graffeo. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **Allan & Anita Corbeil – Real Estate at 8 Monitor Hill Road**
 At the March 15, 2023 BAA meeting the board a motion to deny the appeal and direct assessor to reduce the grade from B to C+ and set new assessment based on the revised grade.
 A discussion was held on the above motion.
Mr. Reiss made a motion to rescind the above motion made on March 15, 2023.
Seconded by Mr. Villamil. Motion denied (0-4).
 - **Gregory & Paula Martiska – Real Estate at 20 Lake Road**
 At the March 15, 2023 BAA meeting the board a motion to deny the appeal. Assessor contact appellant and make an appointment for an on-site inspection.
 A discussion was held on the above motion.
Mr. Reiss made a motion to rescind the above motion made on March 15, 2023.
Seconded by Mr. Villamil. Motion to rescind passes (3-1, Randall opposed).
Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the reduction in the assessed value for the land only from \$357,270 to \$339,407. Seconded by Ms. Graffeo. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).
 - **Heather Symes – Real Estate at 6 Lake Road**
 At the March 15, 2023 BAA meeting the board a motion to deny the appeal. Assessor contact appellant and make an appointment for an on-site inspection.
 A discussion was held on the above motion.
Mr. Reiss made a motion to rescind the above motion made on March 15, 2023.
Seconded by Mr. Randall. Motion to rescind passes (3-1, Randall opposed).

Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the reduction in the assessed value for the land only from \$322,910 to \$306,764. Seconded by Ms. Graffeo. Motion passes (3-1, Randall opposed).

▪ **Jeremy Leibs & Katherine Witherspoon – Real Estate at 12 Lake Road**

At the March 15, 2023 BAA meeting the board a motion to deny the appeal. Assessor contact appellant and make an appointment for an on-site inspection.

A discussion was held on the above motion.

Mr. Reiss made a motion to rescind the above motion made on March 15, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Villamil. Motion to rescind passes (3-1, Randall opposed).

Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the reduction in the assessed value for the land only from \$335,120 to \$318,364. Seconded by Ms. Graffeo. Motion passes (3-1, Randall opposed).

▪ Mr. Reiss made a motion to approve the adjustments made by the assessor's office for 29 Real Estate adjustments and 49 Personal Property adjustments. Seconded by Mr. Villamil. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).

- Deliberate and finalize decision for tabled appellant.

▪ **William Pieragostini – Real Estate at 9A Point o Rocks Road**

Mr. Reiss made a motion to deny the appeal based on insufficient proof to support the claim. Seconded by Mr. Villamil. All in favor. Motion passes (4-0).

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Reiss deemed the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dana Ulibarri, Clerk*

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
AT THE NEXT MEETING**