



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Town of Newtown Board of Assessment Appeals

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

A Newtown Board of Assessment Appeals Special Meeting was held on Thursday, April 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM in Shared Meeting Room #3 at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. Appellants before the Board participated remotely by telephone due to the Covid-19 Social Distancing Period Mandate.

Members Present: Alex Villamil and Brynn Cullen

Staff Present: Jackie zVon

Mr. Villamil called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Villamil moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2020. Ms. Cullen seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Villamil moved to approve the minutes of April 16, 2020. Ms. Cullen seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Public Participation

None

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Appeals were heard on the following:

- **Abigail Kende: P/P – Per appellant** – Appellant filed on time. Assessment went up, and exemptions went down. She has been unable to get information explaining why. **Decision Pending.**
- **Bob & Siobhan Deveney: R/E at 10 Greenleaf Farms Road – Per Appellant:** Appellant questions why “mid-cycle” re-assessment; finds multiple errors in calculation of square footage of home, and classification of pool. Assessment too high based on comparable properties. **Decision Pending.**
- **Dodgingtown Auto Repair, LLC: P/P – Per Appellant:** Several issues with the personal property taxes assessed: Many of the listed items were overvalued, some were incorrectly identified, and others are not the property of Dodgingtown Auto Repair, LLC. **Decision Pending.**
- **Paul & Katherine Lukienchuk: R/E at 25 Dayton Street – Per Appellant:** Assessment too high compared to other similar properties. **Decision Pending.**
- **Andy & Cheryl Engels: P/P - Per Appellant:** Appellant missed deadline and filed late; travels frequently for work – hoping for forgiveness on penalty. Didn’t get exemption for horses. **Decision Pending.**
- **Nassar Aqeel: R/E at 11 Church Hill Road – Per Appellant:** Property was a vacant property in distress when he purchased it for \$450,00, after years on the market. Assessment too high in comparison to neighboring properties. **Decision Pending.**

- **Green Acres Landscaping: P/P – Per Appellant:** Significant increase in assessment plus added penalty for improper codes on Declaration of Personal Property, which were corrected on new submission. **Decision Pending.**
- **The Good Earth Tree Care, Inc.: PP/MV – Per Appellant:** Two Kenworth tractors (trucks) are overvalued using comparables, and should be assessed at purchase price. **Decision Pending.**
- **Granny’s Bridge, LLC: R/E at 7 Beaver Dam Road - Per Appellant:** Assessment is excessive under current market conditions considering the topography of the property. **Decision Pending.**
- **Lisa Katchadurian: R/E at 8 Winter Ridge Road - Per Appellant:** Value of property is greatly depreciated. Comparable homes have lower assessed values. **Decision Pending.**

Adjournment

Mr. Villamil moved to adjourn the meeting and commence deliberations. Ms. Cullen seconded. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie zVon, Clerk