



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Board of Assessment Appeals
Minutes of April 17, 2019

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

A Board of Assessment Appeals Special Meeting was held Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00PM in Shared Meeting Room #3, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

Members Present: James McFarland, Alex Villamil and Charles Gardner

Staff Present: Lynn Kovack

James called the meeting to order at 7:06PM

Approval of Minutes: April 10, 2019 (M) James (2nd) Alex – Approved with following corrections – 3rd sentence under new business add the word Can after “what the Board”, start new paragraph on 3rd sentence where it starts as Penny explained, Also move up last paragraph and add to the end of Penny explained paragraph as that is what the Assessor had stated so should be included in her paragraph.

Public Participation: Richard Gottlieb of 103 Woods Lane – He started by saying he had spoken to Tom Zagarella and Rick Vitale in the Assessor office and they were very kind to him while he dealt with them on questions he had asked them. His concern was the statement in the minutes regarding Penny (Tax Assessor) and Mrs. Derubertis getting together would not sway any decisions with the Board. James stated absolutely not and the Board has nothing to do with their meeting and that the meeting was specifically understanding the process of an appeal. He asked because he believed that Penny and Mrs. Derubertis had already met with one another. James continued to reassure Mr. Gottlieb that Mrs. Derubertis had stated her name and address for the record and also informed us that she was the President of the Board for Newtown Woods. She didn't represent any other property owners as a group. She just stated that there were units that were identical and had different assessments and bump-outs they can add and that was the main context for her stating her position. James and Charles both assured Mr. Gottlieb that each hearing would be looked at individually and testimony and evidence would be looked at from each individual hearing and that is how the decision would be made. They will **not** be decided on as a group. Mr. Gottlieb thanked the Commissioner's for their time.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Woods Lane, Brookside Court and any other address with pending questions

- Randi & Brad Blackman – 1015 Brookside Court – Inaccurate Assessment – (M) James (2nd) Charles to vacate prior decision – (M) Alex (2nd) Charles – **Disapproved** – insufficient evidence to support appellant's claim
- Charles & Ceneha Lee – 105 Woods Lane – multiple inconsistencies and discrepancies – (M) James (2nd) Charles to vacate prior decision – (M) James (2nd) Charles – **Disapproved** – evidence provided by appellant does not support change in assessment
- Diane & Stephen Schmid – 89 Woods Lane – Inordinate tax increase vs estimated taxes inquired pre purchase – (M) James (2nd) Charles to vacate prior decision – (M) James (2nd) Charles – **Disapproved** – insufficient evidence to support appellant's claim
- Claudia & James Kelly – 61 Woods Lane – question assessment numbers for their condo – (M) Charles (2nd) Alex to vacate prior decision – (M) Alex (2nd) James – **Disapproved** – Insufficient evidence to support appellant's claim
- Richard & Linda Gottlieb – 103 Woods Lane – multiple inconsistencies and discrepancies to be presented at appeal – (M) James (2nd) Alex to vacate prior decision – (M) James (2nd) Alex – **Disapproved** – insufficient evidence to support appellant's claim
- Diane Todd – 47 Woods Lane – increase taxes and reassessment too high – (M) James (2nd) Charles to vacate prior decision – (M) Charles (2nd) Alex – **Disapproved** – insufficient evidence to support the claim
- Kimberly & Connor McMullan – 1 Abbey Lane – Overvalued home – (M) Charles (2nd) Alex to vacate prior decision – (M) Alex (2nd) Charles – **Disapproved** – per court stipulation that there be no changes until the next revaluation

With there being no other business to transact the meeting was adjourned
Respectfully submitted by Lynn Kovack (Board of Assessment Appeals)

