



TOWN OF HAMDEN

Board of Assessment Appeals

Minutes: The Board of Assessment Appeals, Town of Hamden held a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021 via virtual Zoom; the following issues were discussed:

Attending: Commissioners: Kurt Bauknecht, Chair and John DeNicola. Also in attendance: David Stannard, Interim Director Town Assessor; Stephen Mongillo, former Board member of BAA; Patrice LeMoine, Substitute Clerk for the Commission.

1. **Call to order:** At 6:02 p.m. Mr. Bauknecht opened the meeting. Mr. Bauknecht welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting and thanked Mr. Mongillo for coming on short-notice. Ms. LeMoine reviewed the agenda for this evening.
2. **Introductions:** Mr. Stannard was introduced and gave a brief summary of his background, years working as a property assessor and then provided a quick overview of what work has been implementing at the assessor's office.
3. **Approval of past Minutes:** Mr. Bauknecht requested approval of the minutes of the January 6, 2021 and September 29, 2020 meetings. Mr. DeNicola motioned to approve and was passed unanimously.
4. **Acknowledge the 2021 meeting schedule** for the Board of Assessment of Appeals. As noted, the Board received the schedule last month and were in agreement of the schedule for 2021.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Discussion regarding the re-evaluation of properties in Hamden – Mr. Stannard discussed the current evaluation that the consultants are completing before the tax bills are issued. Currently, the consultants have received 481 inquires regarding their property assessments. A discussion was held regarding the outcome and the percentage of the applications for appeal the Board may receive.

The Board requested a copy of the instruction letter that was issued to the applicants for last year's hearings; a copy of the application, which is on the town's website; and will confirm the schedule for the notice to the public regarding the application for hearings.

- b. Upcoming property assessment workshop/seminar – Mr. Stannard sent the Board the property assessment handbook. He said he will contact Bill Gaffney who runs the property assessment trainings. Mr. Gaffney will most likely schedule the Board and interviewers to receive the training online.

6. Next meeting: At this time, the Board agreed to hold a meeting in two weeks.

7. Adjournment: Due to a commission scheduled to use the same Zoom account at 6:50 p.m., the Board of Assessment of Appeals had to adjourn their meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

s/ Patrice A. LeMoine

Clerk for the Board of Assessment Appeals