

**Board of Assessment Appeals
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 14, 2019
6:30pm Brooklyn Town Hall**

Present: Buddy Conroy, Loni Wright, Robert Simons, and April Lamothe; Recording Secretary
Also Present: Public seeking appeals and Aaron Kerouac

- 1) **Roll Call:** Buddy Conroy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- 2) **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Loni Wright made a motion to accept the minutes of September 13, 2018. Robert Simons seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 3) **Review of Real Properties Seeking Review:**

BAA319-1 Steven Chviek – 132 Mason Rd

Property: 132 Mason Rd

Reason for Appeal: Steven Chviek believed that his property was assessed too high according to two independent appraisal firms that were done in January and December 2018. The in-law addition was finished in November of 2017. Discussion ensued.

Action: Buddy Conroy made a motion to change the condition of the property from average to fair, which would lower the market value by \$25,000, which would bring the assessment to \$366,400 and to advise Steve Chviek to have the Assessor's Office come out to look at the property. Robert Simons seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Other Comments: Steven Chviek questioned how assessments/revaluations work; Loni Wright told him that an independent assessment only looks at his property, whereas the Assessor looks at the Town as a whole.

BAA319-2 Edwin and Carolyn Ledogar

Property: Brooklyn Painting

Reason for Appeal: Edwin Ledogar stated that the Town doubled the value of his Personal Property and applied a penalty of 25% for not filling out the form. Edwin Ledogar said that he has allowed the Assessor's Office to estimate his Personal Property for years, until this year where the assessment has become too high. Discussion ensued about how to fill out the Personal Property Declaration form and depreciate items. Loni Wright showed them how to fill out the form correctly using their tax returns.

Action: Buddy Conroy made a motion to change the assessment to \$3,190 plus the 25% penalty for a total assessment of \$3,990. Robert Simons seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Reason for Action: The Board changed the assessment due to difficulties with the declaration form.

Aaron Kerouac asked the Board when he could be seen about his property and other issues. Robert Simons told him that the Board only meets on real estate once a year and Loni Wright told

him that the appeal form needed to be filled out by February 20th. Robert Simons suggested that Aaron Kerouac ask the Assessor's Office to go out and look at his property.

Loni Wright made a motion retroactivity to open the meeting to public comment. Robert Simons seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

BAA319-3 Donald Smith

Property: Don Builders

Reason for Appeal: Donald Smith claimed, per his accountant, that no current assets are being used. Donald Smith had believed the Personal Property Declaration was just for farmers, based on some of the categories and felt that it did not pertain to him. Loni Wright and Buddy Conroy explained that he would claim nail guns, air compressors, ladders, and the such on the form typically under Mechanics Tools. Robert Simons suggested that Donald Smith keep an inventory spreadsheet. Discussion ensued. Loni Wright used Donald Smith's tax return and letter from H&R Block to figure out the declaration form.

Action: Loni Wright made a motion to change the assessment to \$1,740 plus the 25% plenty for a total assessment of \$2,170. Robert Simons seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Reason for Action: The Board changed the assessment due to difficulties with the declaration form.

4) **New Business:** None.

5) **Adjournment:** Loni Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Robert Simons seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Lamothe
Recording Secretary