Minutes for April 18, 2019, Special Meeting, Board of Assessment Appeals

The special meeting commenced at 4:00 p.m. in the Small Enfield Room with Kelly Hemmeler, Chairman, present; Donna Dubanoski, member, present; Lori Longhi, member, present; and Victoria Rose, recording secretary, present.

Each party was duly sworn regarding each and every appeal.

Appeal 4, Roger Provencher, MV

Appealing the truck value. It’s a junk truck. Power steering fluid leaking, body rot wheel well underneath, dents, bad rims. Document presented to Board.

(The Board visually inspected Appeal #4)

Appeal 6, Nancy Dearborn, Agt. MV

Does not have the vehicle and has no information. Board suggested trying to get the vehicle here.

Appeal 18, Chandra Mandal, Business Personal Property

Has a kiosk in Enfield Mall. He does cell phone repair. Kelly Hemmeler asked when he opened. He stated two years ago. Kelly Hemmeler asked if he filed a declaration. He stated no. He only has a chair cash register the previous owner left and screwdrivers. Declaration presented to board. He stated he would also like the penalty waived.

Appeal 9, Gail Kulas, Business Personal Property

Business was located in Enfield. Moved to Somers in December 2018. Was located at 276 Hazard Ave., Suite 12 leased office space. Had old desks and furniture. Did not file declaration. Would like the penalty waived. Declaration presented to Board

Appeal 6, Stephen Darko, MV

Returned with motor vehicle. Feels value of car is too high. Has high mileage of 270,000

(The Board visually inspected Appeal #6)

Appeal 8, Elizabeth Ellery, Business Personal Property

Kelly Hemmeler recused herself.

Ms. Ellery stated she filed a trade name for a charitable corporation that provide scholarships. She was told she would receive a declaration but never did. They have no assets. It’s not a business.

Kelly Hemmeler returned to the small Enfield Room
**Appeal 15, Jonathan Higgonbothum, Bruce Higgonbothum, Business Personal Property**

Jonathan is a full-time college student. Has a landscaping business and uses his father’s lawn mower and weed wacker. Presented declaration to Board. Would also like penalty waived.

**Appeal 7, James Morris, MV**

Appealing a 2004 Trailer. The company does not make trailers anymore. Bought it from a friend of his brothers. Photos when to Board. Purchased for 50 and put in 70 worth of lights into it.

(The Board visually inspected Appeal #7)

The following decisions were made:

Appeal 7, James Morris, MV, Donna Dubanoski made a motion to reduce the assessment by 510 for good cause shown. Lori Longhi seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

Appeal 15, Business Personal Property, Donna Dubanoski made a motion to reduce the assessment by 8560 for good cause shown. Lori Longhi seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

Appeal 8, Business Personal Property, Donna Dubanoski made a motion to reduce the assessment by 3130 for good cause shown. Lori Longhi seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 2-0-0 vote.

**Appeal 16, Eric Peterson, MV**

Purchased a camper and received a letter from the assessor twice asking for the bill of sale. The assessment is higher than what was paid. The sale price is 22,490. He works in Somers and asked the Somers Assessor about it and he stated if they bring in the bill of sale from the dealer, they will take that. Purchased it in 2017. Lori Longhi asked if there is anything wrong with it. He stated some little things. The Somers assessor also stated the Assessor from Enfield in bill of sale to Somers and they used that.

**Appeal 40 Ryan Stager, Elm St**

Documents presented to Board. It was originally open space land but was told it was an error. It’s swamp land. Feels the fair market value should be 7,000.

**Appeal 5, Allen Lapa, 59 Kimberly Dr.**

Purchased the home in 1987. Original Buckhorn House owner. Escarpment in the backyard has gotten very bad. House was sold under false pretext. Fill was placed by the builder and it was clay. Clay is like a ball bearing and gets slick. If he discloses the backyard to a buyer, he will not get much. Photos shown to Board. Feels fair market value is 100,000. Lori Longhi asked how far away the drop from his foundation is. He thinks about 12 – 15 feet.

The following decisions were made:
Appeal 5, 59 Kimberly Dr., Donna Dubanoski made a motion to reduce the assessment by 64,290 for good cause shown. Lori Longhi seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

Appeal 40, Elm St., Lori Longhi made a motion to reduce the assessment by 18,730 for good cause shown. Donna Dubanoski seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

Appeal 9, Business Personal Property, Donna Dubanoski made a motion to reduce the assessment by 5,170 for good cause shown. Lori Longhi seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

Appeal 18, Business Personal Property, Lori Longhi made a motion to reduce the assessment by 6,690 for good cause shown. Donna Dubanoski seconded the motion the motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

Appeal 6, Steven Danko, Donna Dubanoski made a motion to reduce the assessment by 390 for good cause shown. Lori Longhi seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Appeal 4 Roger Provencher. Lori Longhi made a motion to reduce the assessment by 1,000 for good cause shown. Donna Dubanoski seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Appeal 16, Eric Peterson, Lori Longhi made a motion to reduce the assessment by 5,560 for good cause shown. Donna Dubanoski seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Appeal 19, Business Personal Property, Donna Dubanoski made a motion to reduce the assessment by 6490 for good cause shown. Lori Longhi seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Appeal 20, Business Personal Property, Lori Longhi made a motion to reduce the assessment by 201,297 for good cause shown. Donna Dubanoski seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Appeal 21, Business Personal Property, Donna Dubanoski made a motion to reduce the assessment by 42,638 for good cause shown. Lori Longhi seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Appeal 22, Business Personal Property, Lori Longhi made a motion to reduce the assessment by 610,378 for good cause shown. Donna Dubanoski seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Donna Dubanoski made a motion adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Lori Longhi seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.