

City of Berlin, NH

Board Of Assessors
Minutes of Meeting
May 16, 2019

Location: Assessor's Office, City Hall



Present: Robert Goddard, Chair of Board of Assessors
Kem Rozek, Member of Board of Assessors
Mark Eastman, Member of Board of Assessors
Bryan Chevarie, Assessing Coordinator
Members of the public

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM.

2) **ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Robert Goddard – In attendance
Member Kem Rozek – Not in attendance at this time
Member Mark Eastman – In attendance

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) **REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES DATED APRIL 30, 2019**

The minutes of the meetings of April 30, 2019 were sent to members of the Board prior to this meeting. Robert Goddard noted that “High intensity power lines” should be changed to “High tension power lines” at the bottom of page two, four lines from the bottom of the page. Bryan Chevarie noted that he recently discovered a typo in the minutes from April 23, 2019. 41 Ramsey Street was incorrectly written as having a current 2018 assessed value of \$93,300 when it is actually \$98,300. Robert Goddard made a motion to accept and seal the minutes as amended. Mark Eastman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

4) **2018 TAX DEFERRAL APPLICATIONS**

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

Mark Eastman made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) “Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person...” Robert Goddard seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous. The Board of Assessors went into non-public session.

RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Robert Goddard made a motion to go into regular session and to seal the documentation provided as the information is confidential material and not right-to-know for issues discussed under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Mark Eastman seconded the motion and stated that the Board was now in public session. The vote was unanimous.

Theberge, Roland & Collette **288 Hillsboro Street** **131/25, 28, & 29**
Members of the Board reviewed an abatement application for Map 131-Lots 25, 28, & 29. The current assessed values of these lots are \$8,600, \$8,600, and \$19,700, respectively. The group reviewed a map of the contested parcels. Robert Goddard made a motion to lower the condition factor from 1.0 to the following: Map 135/25 to 0.50, Map 135/28 to 0.50, and Map 135/29 to 0.80. Kem Rozek seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Mark Eastman. The 2018 tax-assessed values of these parcels are lowered to \$4,300, 4,300, and \$15,800, respectively.

Lacroix, Joel **73 Gordon Avenue** **114/52**
Members of the Board reviewed an abatement application for Map 114-Lot 52. The taxpayer states that their property is not in very good condition as the tax card indicates. After reviewing the application, Robert Goddard made a motion to lower the depreciation code from very good to good. Mark Eastman seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Kem Rozek. The motion carried. The 2018 tax-assessed value is adjusted to \$154,500.

Roberge, Mia **268 Champlain Street** **117/26**
Members of the Board reviewed an abatement application for Map 117-Lot 26. The taxpayer stated that their opinion of value is \$15,000 and it is currently assessed at \$48,600. Robert Goddard made a motion to table the application in order for KRT Appraisal to attempt to perform an internal inspection of the property. Kem Rozek seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Robert Goddard. The motion carried.

Korzen, Steven & Lori **788 Kent Street** **133/56**
Members of the Board reviewed an abatement application for Map 133-Lot 56. The assessed value is currently \$60,700. Mark Eastman made a motion to deny the abatement request based on a lack of argument of value, along with the property having been sold by the applicants for \$63,000 on 4/29/19 in a qualified sale. Kem Rozek seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Robert Goddard. The motion carried.

Secinore, Michael & Edwards, Lindsey **72 Spruce Street** **128/92**
Members of the Board reviewed an abatement application for Map 128-Lot 92. The taxpayer stated that their opinion of value is \$55,900 and it is currently assessed at \$65,300. Robert Goddard made a motion to deny the abatement request based on all of the comparable sales provided by the taxpayer being unqualified in nature. Mark Eastman seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Kem Rozek. The motion carried.

Eastman, Mark & Rachel **213 School Street** **119/219**
Mark Eastman recused himself from the vote and discussion on the application. The remaining members of the Board reviewed an abatement application for Map 119-Lot 219. The taxpayers stated that their opinion of value is \$110,000 and it is currently assessed at \$126,700. An analysis of comparable sales, provided by the taxpayer, was reviewed by the Board. Kem Rozek made a motion to lower the depreciation code from good to average. Robert Goddard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The 2018 tax-assessed value is adjusted to \$104,600.

Frederick, Shane**197 Riverside Drive****137/52**

Members of the Board reviewed an abatement application for Map 137-Lot 52. The taxpayer stated that their opinion of value is \$40,000 and it is currently assessed at \$68,600. Robert Goddard made a motion to table the application in order for KRT Appraisal to attempt to perform an internal inspection of the property. Kem Rozek seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Mark Eastman. The motion carried.

Singer, David**55 Williamson Avenue****125/39**

Members of the Board reviewed an abatement application for Map 125-Lot 39. The taxpayer stated that their opinion of value is \$90,000 and it is currently assessed at \$145,900. Robert Goddard made a motion to table the application in order for KRT Appraisal to attempt to perform an internal inspection of the property. Mark Eastman seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Kem Rozek. The motion carried.

Murray, Andrew**27 Horne Street****135/3**

Members of the Board reviewed an abatement application for Map 135-Lot 3. After reviewing the application, Kem Rozek made a motion to lower the depreciation code from good to fair and lower the condition factor from 1.0 to 0.80. Robert Goddard seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Mark Eastman. The motion carried. The 2018 tax-assessed value is adjusted to \$50,700.

Langevin, Norman & Annette**688 Blais Street****132/55****672 Blais Street****132/56**

Members of the Board reviewed an application for 688 Blais Street (132/55) and 672 Blais Street (132/56). Kem Rozek made a motion to change the style of 688 Blais Street from bungalow to ranch, as he felt it was incorrect. Additionally, to table the abatement application in order for KRT to attempt to schedule an internal inspection of the property. Mark Eastman seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Robert Goddard. The motion carried.

6) OTHER BUSINESS**Timber Tax**

Members of the Board signed a timber tax in the amount of \$6,209.04 regarding Map 408-Lot 1

Abatement Levies

Members of the Board signed abatement paperwork related to abatements granted at prior meetings.

Lutter, Mark

Members of the Board read a response to their request for credentials furnished by Mark Lutter of Northeast Property Tax Consultants. They would like him to provide them with a list of the educational courses he has completed regarding ad valorem taxation.

7) MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

8) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Kem Rozek. Mark Eastman seconded the motion. All were in favor, inclusive of Robert Goddard. The motion carried.

The meeting ended at 6:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Chevarie
Assessing Coordinator

* Note: These minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the Board of Assessors by motion.