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Board of Assessment Appeals
January 19, 2017 Minutes
Warren Memorial Town Hall
1 Main Street, Stafford Springs, CT 06076


TOWN CLERK

1. Call to Order – 7:05 PM

Present: Dock Sellars, Erin Kirchoffer, Jennifer J. Davis

2. New Business ~ Discussion with Town of Stafford Assessor

According to Assessor, twenty- Six properties have been re-assessed per new legislation. One property is pending an Engineering report. All properties, except one was reduced. Grand List is due to be signed by 1/31/17, and no extension is being filed as this can only occur during a revaluation year. An extension does not offer the BAA more time from appeal deadline to decision. The volume of appeals on concrete issues is expected to be low as the Assessor has been managing the re-assessments via her office. The next revaluation will be in 2020. Homeowners have until 2/16/17, to file appeals. The BAA will be able to determine that the Assessor has already re-assessed the property because the inspection date will be listed on the property card “foundation issue 2106” will be noted with a code (98 or 89).

The BAA expressed concerns noted by homeowners during their hearings, regarding their experience with Vision (revaluation company) including: Being unable to answer questions during their meeting, failure to return phone calls, and making changes to assessment based on incorrect information as they had not gone out to the property. The town plans to continue to use them and values the work they have done. Any concerns re: Vision should be brought to the Assessor’s Office.

3. Adjournment ~ Doc made motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM, Jennifer seconded motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jennifer J. Davis, Secretary BAA