



CITY OF STAMFORD
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
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Minutes of Organizational Meeting on February 21, 2023
(The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.)

The Zoom meeting began at 6:32 p.m.

Members present were: Chairman, George Sessa, Edward Laux, James Fleischer and Clerk, Prisca Lin; Larry Ginsberg joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.; Raymond W. Leyden joined the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Also present: Deputy Assessor, Steve Parenti

Discussion with Stamford Tax Assessor

The meeting started with Mr. Parenti reviewing several field cards with the Board. He pointed out specific sections of the field card that the Board members should pay attention to and answered questions arose during the discussion.

Mr. Parenti left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Procedures for Hearings

Chairman Sessa advised that in order to help the new Board members, Edward and James, to get familiar with the entire hearing procedure, during the first night of hearings, each of them will sit with either Raymond or Larry so that they can listen how to handle the appeals. The hearings will end at around 7:30 p.m. and deliberations will be conducted on the cases heard at the same night.

Commercial Parcels with over \$1MM Assessment

Per C.G.S. § 12-111, the board may elect to not hold hearings for commercial parcels with assessment greater than \$1 million. Motion was made by Larry Ginsberg to not hear, seconded by Raymond W. Leyden, and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Sessa suggested that if there are appeals for clusters of similar properties within the same neighborhood, they should all be heard by one Board member and deliberated at the same time. All Board members were in agreement. The clerk will identify those properties and notify the Board members in advance.

MAYOR
CAROLINE SIMMONS



CHAIRMAN
GEORGE SESSA

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Mr. Sessa brought to the attention of the Board that he will serve as the Chairman through September 2023 and will then leave the Board due to relocation.

Before the meeting was concluded, the Board had a brief discussion on the topics including conflict of interest, quorum and voting requirement, types of evidences accepted by the Board and appeals procedure.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Prisca Lin'.

Prisca Lin, Clerk