



CITY OF STAMFORD
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
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Minutes of Meeting on March 4, 2020

The meeting began at 4:56 P.M.

Members present were: Chairman, George Sessa, Raymond W. Leyden, Ralph Loglisci, Larry Ginsberg, Richard Agatstein and Prisca Lin, Clerk

Also present: David Nash from Tax Assessor's office

Potential Board Opening – Richard Agatstein

Chairman Sessa started the meeting by announcing that Richard Agatstein has decided not to move forward and will not renew his term as Board Member after the Spring 2020 session.

Discussion on Motor Vehicle Appeals

1. Evidence Required

Mr. Sessa advised there were 36 motor vehicle appeal applications received which were based on discoveries made by Municipal Tax Services, LLC. The appellants would need to present sufficient evidence proving their primary residency. For out-of-state owners whose cars located in Stamford for 90 days or more during the assessment year are required to fill out the Declaration of Person Property each year.

2. Waiver of Penalties

Mr. Sessa informed the Board members that a number of appellants were appealing the 25% penalty on their personal property. Prisca Lin then distributed a handout including an excerpt from the Board of Assessment Appeals Handbook and CGS §12-41(e) indicating that the Board is forbidden by law to remove the penalty imposed under the aforementioned statute. Mr. Sessa suggested a discussion with the Assessor if penalty appeal should be rejected at the time of receipt of the application.

General Review of Board of Assessment Appeals Rules and Regulations

Mr. Sessa emphasized that if the owners disagree with the assessment, it is crucial for them to supply legitimate documents to substantiate their appeals. Mr. David Nash also added that we need to educate the appellants to understand that the appeals should be based on 2017 revaluation. A brief discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

MAYOR
DAVID MARTIN



CHAIRMAN
GEORGE SESSA

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The Board then started the hearings at approximately 5:45 P.M. with the presence of Mr. Rob Rende and Mr. David Nash from Tax Assessor's Office. Hearings were conducted as scheduled.

Hearings concluded at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Prisca Lin, Clerk