

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
TOWN OF COLEBROOK

Minutes of Meeting of March 9, 2022

Appeal hearings for Motor Vehicle, Personal Property and Real Estate

The hearing was called to order by Secretary Johnstone at 5:03pm

Members Present:

Diane Johnstone
Thomas McKeon
Duncan Wilber

Others present: Cathie Norton, Assistant Assessor

1. The hearing was called to order by Secretary Johnstone at 5:03pm

2. The minutes of the September 8, 2021 appeal hearing were distributed, there being no amendments or corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

3. Motion made by T. McKeon to amend the agenda for nomination of officers, second D. Wilber, approved unanimously. Motion by T. McKeon, second by D. Johnstone to nominate D. Wilber chair. Approved unanimously. Motion by D. Wilber, second by T. McKeon to nominate D. Johnstone as Secretary, approved unanimously.

4. Hear appeals:

5:10 pm to 5:24 pm via Zoom

Chair Wilber administered the Oath to:

James and Jennifer Mitchell, real estate appeal for property located at 374 Sandbrook Road, appealing the increase of assessment and taxes, amount \$2,000.00.

5:25 pm to 5:38 pm via Zoom

Chair Wilber administered the Oath to:

James Rossman, real estate located at 61 Phelps Road, appealing tax-exemption of entire property

5:39pm to 5:47pm in person

Chair Wilber administered the Oath to:

Scott Salmon- motor vehicle assessment of Ford F-350 XL, viewed the condition of the vehicle.

5. Deliberations:

Mitchell- presented evidence regarding the condition of the 200-year-old barn, but not the residence. Motion by D. Johnstone to lower the current assessment of \$6,400.00 for the barn by \$500.00 to \$5,900.00, and no reduction for the house, second by D. Wilber, vote unanimous.

Rossman- did not present evidence of the charitable intent of the property, or how the town receives a direct benefit from the charity. T. McKeon recused himself. Motion to deny appeal D. Wilber, second D. Johnstone. Motion carried.

Salmon- Motion to apply the blue book average condition value of \$14,122 to vehicle D. Wilber, second D. Johnstone, vote unanimous.

T. McKeon left the meeting at 5:48 pm.

6. New business – none

7. Adjournment, motion by D. Johnstone, second D. Wilber, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane E.R. Johnstone
Secretary