

Town of Colebrook
Board of Assessment Appeals

March 14, 2024

Minutes

Members present

Members absent

Others Present

Duncan Wilber

Thomas McKeon

Catherine Norton

John Fredsall

- 1.) Hearing called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Wilber
- 2.) Elect Secretary – tabled
- 3.) Minutes from Sept 14 2023, approved by Wilber, Fredsall abstained (not present)
- 4.) Hear Testimony (5:05-5:20)
 - a. Town of Norfolk/ First Selectman Matt Riiska landlocked vacant property located on Rockhall Rd. Chairman Wilber administered the oath to Norfolk Selectman Riiska. Selectman Riiska stated that the property should remain exempt from property tax as he felt that it was being used as “public use per state statute 12-81 (subsection 5)”.
- 5.) Deliberation
 - a. Chairman Wilber asked where the access point is for the “public” as the parcel in question is land locked in the town of Colebrook and the only known access is through the Norfolk town transfer station, which was confirmed as “off limits” to non-Norfolk residents, by Selectman Riiska. Wilber and Fredsall recommended that the Town of Norfolk consider hiring a forester and submit an application for PA490 “forest” designation for the said property this coming October (2024).

Wilber and Fredsall unanimously agreed to deny the appeal.
- 6.) Adjournment, motion by Wilber 2nd by Fredsall, at 6:00pm