



ASSESSING MEETING
October 10, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:46 pm. by Chairman Frank. All members present. John Wentworth present. Applicant Michael Heavy present.

1. Approval of September 12, 2019 minutes

Motion to accept the September 12, 2019 minutes made by A. Sykes, 2nd by A. Laplante. Approved 4-0. A. Dumont abstained not present.

2. Abatement Application – Michael Heavy – Map 21 Lot 103, Pitts Road

Applicant presented his request. Stated he went to the County for an abatement for last year and found out the abatement doesn't carry over from year to year. Referred to an appraisal from January 2018. The appraisal was not submitted with the applicant's packet. He referred to it in his application only.

John gave the Board a packet of all properties in the neighborhood with the 500 designation and colored maps to show all comparable properties. The property in question had been assessed as extra acreage. When the court case (Petrin vs. Scarborough) came down in 2016, it stated property across the street needed to be assessed as its own lot. This lot is a recognized lot in a subdivision and the assessment was adjusted, as were all other properties in the same situation.

The appraisal submitted last year included an appraisal for his house as well. John questioned if the Board is expected to accept an appraisal for the vacant lot in question then it would follow they should accept the appraisal for his house which is much higher than what the Town has it assessed at.

Motion made to deny the abatement because the property assessed is in line with all other properties of a similar situation made by A. Laplante, 2nd by A. Sykes. Approved 5-0.

The Board denied the abatement because:

1. it would provide this property with an unfair break in the assessment to comparable properties in Town.
 2. Applicant did not submit any documentation with the abatement request to justify an abatement.
3. Adjourn

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Matthew Frank, Chairman

Melissa St. John, Secretary