
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 22, 2010

Members Present: David Anderson and Don Philips

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by David Anderson.

Item #2 on the agenda to approve the minutes. The accepting of the minutes from the April 6, 2010 was tabled until the next meeting.

Item #3 on the agenda to hear citizen's comments. There were no citizens present.

Item #4 on the agenda to conduct a scheduled hearing in regards to the 2009 Grand List.

23.) Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Barbara Murray, owner of 199 Lebanon Avenue, appealed the proposed increase on the property. There was general discussion in regards to an appraisal that had been done in 1995 and any increase from that date.

The Assessor joined the meeting and there was general discussion in regards to reductions that had previously been made by the BAA as well as the 199 Lebanon Avenue property.

The Board made the following decision.

23.) Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Barbara Murray, owner of 199 Lebanon Avenue, to receive no increase in regards to the 2009 Grand List as previously proposed. The motion was made by Don Philips and seconded by David Anderson.

David Anderson stated that he had received a phone call at his home from Mr. William Stepule of 17 Old Country Road asking for an explanation in regards to the judgment. David Anderson explained to Mr. Stepule that he couldn't discuss the motion outside a public meeting. The BAA also received a letter from Mr. Scott Zweiben questioning the BAA's decision and asking for an explanation in regards to his judgment. For the record, David Anderson stated that the BAA does not offer explanations in regards to their judgments and the taxpayers have a right to appeal the BAA decisions to the Superior Court.

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The BAA received a letter from Keystone Shoppes asking the board to reconsider hearing the appeal instead of having to file in Superior Court. For the record, David Anderson stated that the BAA does not hear appeals on commercial properties with assessments over \$500,000.

Don Philips made a motion to adjourn. David Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel M. Lewandowski
Secretary, BAA