

Minutes, Board of Assessment Appeals

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The Board of Assessment Appeals met from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Durham Town Hall. In attendance were Laurie Stevens and Jay Berardino, absent Rob Raney.

The following decisions were made:

Name Signature Gordon LLC		Address 51 Turkey Hill Rd	
Issue(s) Dispute new assessed value.			
	Application Rejected	3 affirmative votes	
X	Application Accepted	X- quality grade not consistent with construction & materials	
Reduction in Appraisal (100%) Value -62,738		Reduction in Assessed Value (70% of MV) -43,917	
Previous Assessed Value 612,780		New Assessed Value 569,583	
Special Notes/ Instructions Change quality grade from X- to A+			
Chair's Signature			

Name Patricia Korzon		Address 250 Skeet Club Rd	
Issue(s) Reassess value of property, appellant's estimate of value: \$330,000 Issues: (1) 185 ft power line directly behind house; independent appraisal reduced market value by 25%, more than other houses in the neighborhood with the same problem (2) rear deck is now gone			
	Application Rejected	2 affirmative votes. Jay had to recuse himself.	
X	Application Accepted	\$50,000 reduction for power line directly behind house that is visually overpowering, \$1900 reduction for rear deck that was removed	
Reduction in Appraisal (100%) Value - 51,900		Reduction in Assessed Value (70% of MV) - 36,330	
Previous Assessed Value 294,000		New Assessed Value 257,670	
Chair's Signature			

Name Mary R. Bennett, Steven R. Bennett		Address 16 Dunn Hill Rd	
Issue(s) Property value has gone down. Appraised for \$270,000 – see attached page. Attached from Banknorth 6/29/2009: Underwriting verified value: \$270,000 Appraisal 10/1/2005: \$299,800			
	Application Rejected	2 affirmative votes	
X	Application Accepted	The appraisal done on 10/1/2005 was correct. Drop in appraised value consistent with market.	
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Name Julie Raymond		Address 11 Partridge Lane
Issue(s) Increase in tax amount. Applicant says her taxes have gone up \$100/month in the last few years but she didn't bring any documentation with her. The only property change was the addition of two outbuildings valued at 4200, taxes on that would be \$110. We suggested she get documentation from the Tax Collector's office and come back Saturday. She said she couldn't come Saturday, we told her she could send a representative. Subsequently Laurie called Tax Collectors office and received the following information: since the 10/1/2005 grand list her taxes have gone from \$4752 to 4830 to 4853 to 4845. The net increase was \$107 a year.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application Rejected	2 affirmative votes. Jay had to recuse himself.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Accepted	Applicant did not return Saturday or send a representative.
Chair's Signature		

Name Jennifer Keyes		Address 232 Bear Rock Rd 860-349-2185 cell: 203-500-6935
Issue(s) Personal property assessment for LLC business not in operation since 2007. Didn't file declaration. Assessment valued at 6433 including 25% penalty.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Rejected	3 affirmative votes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application Accepted	Reduced assessed value to \$1000, did not remove the penalty or address prior years.
Reduction in Appraisal (100%) Value		Reduction in Assessed Value (70% of MV) - 1000
Previous Assessed Value 6433		New Assessed Value 1000 + penalty
Special Notes/ Instructions This is a one time adjustment		
Chair's Signature		

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Raney
Chairman Board of Assessment Appeals