



Board of Assessment Review

Friday, December 17, 2021, 10:00 AM

Remote Meeting Minutes, Approved electronically December __, 2021

Stephen Bither
Barbara Brewer

The meeting, held by ZOOM technology, convened at 10:00 a.m. on December 17, 2021.

Attendees: Board members Stephen Bither and Barbara Brewer, Portland Assessor Christopher Huff, attorney for the city Michael Goldman, and board assistant Nancy English. One member of the public, George Rheault, attended.

Persons filing appeals were also present in this order: John Babin; Robert Grano and his attorney Brian Barrington; and Wendy Harmon.

Appeals were also filed and on the agenda for Wendell Fletcher, who had communicated by phone with the City Assessor to say he withdrew his appeal, and Michelle Noyes, who did not appear or respond to phone calls or mailed notices of the hearing.

First Appeal from John Babin, re: 72 Sheridan Street
Chair Bither opened the hearing with the appeal filed by John Babin. Chair Bither provided an introduction, explaining the board's procedures.

Appellant Babin presented his argument for appeal, and responded to questions from the Assessor and his attorney and the Board.

Assessor Huff presented his argument for having denied the appeal, and responded to questions from the appellant and the board.

Chair Stephen Bither opened the hearing for the appeal for a Public Hearing. No member of the public asked to speak, and the Public Hearing was closed. The board conferred and Chair Bither moved to deny the appeal. Board Member Brewer seconded that motion, which passed by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Second Appeal from Robert Grano, represented by Attorney Brian Barrington, re: 547

Congress Street, Unit 4B

Chair Bither opened the hearing with the appeal filed by Robert Grano by his attorney. Chair Bither provided an introduction, explaining the board's procedures.

Appellant Grano's attorney presented his argument for appeal, and responded to questions from the assessor and his attorney and the board.

Assessor Huff presented his argument for having denied the appeal, and responded to questions from the appellant and the board.

Chair Stephen Bither opened the hearing for the appeal for a Public Hearing. No member of the public asked to speak, and the Public Hearing was closed. The board conferred and Chair Bither moved to deny the appeal. Board Member Brewer seconded that motion, which passed by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Third Appeal from Wendy Harmon, re: 7-9 and 11 Anderson Street

Chair Bither opened the hearing with the appeal filed by Wendy Harmon. Chair Bither provided an introduction, explaining the board's procedures.

Appellant Harmon presented her argument for appeal, and responded to questions from the assessor and his attorney and the board.

Assessor Huff presented his argument for having denied the appeal, and responded to questions from the appellant and the board.

Chair Stephen Bither opened the hearing for the appeal for a Public Hearing. No member of the public asked to speak, and the Public Hearing was closed. The board conferred and Chair Bither moved to deny the appeal. Board Member Brewer seconded that motion, which passed by a roll call vote of 2-0.

The Board next considered the appeals filed by the two applicants who did not appear.

Chair Bither moved that Michelle Noyes' appeal be denied because she failed to prove her case, having not appeared. Board Member Brewer seconded that motion, which passed by a roll call vote of 2-0.

Chair Bither moved to dismiss the appeal filed by Wendell Fletcher, upon the understanding that he had withdrawn his appeal. Board Member Brewer seconded that motion, which passed by a roll call vote of 2-0.

In new business, the Assessor informed the Board that he had received in total 192 appeals of property valuations since the completion of the revaluation, and among them all but eleven were decided. Property owners have until March 11, 2021 to appeal the

Assessor's final decision.

Chair Bither moved and Board Member Brewer seconded the motion to adjourn, passed by a roll call vote of 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 12: __ . p.m.