

**Minutes of the Board of Assessors
Meeting of January 17, 2019**

A meeting of the Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 in Room 208, 2nd floor of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Chair Dominic D'Antoni.

Members Present:

Dominic D'Antoni

Daniel Hansberry

Robert Earley

Assessing Staff Present:

Louise Brown
Lynn Cameron

Greg Turgiss
Michael Mandile

Cheryl Walley

Minutes of the Meeting:

Regarding the minutes of the previous meeting, the following motion was made:

MOTION BY Daniel Hansberry to waive the reading of the minutes of January 3, 2019 and accept and place them on file.

SECONDED BY Robert Earley

MOTION PASSED

Regarding a letter the board received which was addressed to the Board of Assessors from Mrs. Laurie Ortolano, Mr. Hansberry noted there was currently no section on the meeting's agenda for communications and he asked that such a section be added to the agenda for future meetings. Mr. Hansberry then made the following motion:

MOTION BY Daniel Hansberry to accept the communication from Mrs. Laurie Ortolano dated January 9, 2019 and place it on file.

SECONDED BY Robert Earley

MOTION PASSED

Abatement Requests Presented:

A complete list is available in the Assessor's Office.

Assessing Administrative Specialist II, Ms. Lynn Cameron presented the members with a "Current Use-Land Use Change Tax Lien Release" to sign as well as the accompanying warrant for the collection of the land use change tax. This is for Map G/ Lot 680.

Appointments: 8:30 – Mr. Marvin Hardy regarding veterans' credit qualifications for 2019

Mr. Hardy began by introducing himself and his wife and said when he said he was

putting his house into an irrevocable trust they mentioned he may lose the credit and he is here to express his disagreement. Mr. Dominic D'Antoni told Mr. Hardy if the property was in a revocable trust, he may qualify for the credit but since it is in an irrevocable trust he has given up his beneficial interest in the property and does not qualify to receive the veteran's credit. Mr. Hardy said he knows of a friend who lives in Manchester who has his property in an irrevocable trust and is receiving the discount. Mr. D'Antoni replied that it may be that someone in Manchester has made a big mistake.

Mr. Robert Earley told Mr. Hardy there is another option that he can look into that may allow him to qualify for the credit and that is the setting up of a life estate. Supervisor of Assessing Administration, Ms. Louise Brown, said there may be implications with the value that is placed on the life estate, so she suggests consulting an attorney on that matter as well. Mr. Hardy said he intends to apply for the elderly exemption and asked if the same problem would exist. Ms. Brown answered yes, the applicant must have a beneficial interest in the property in order to receive the elderly exemption. Mr. Hardy said his wife is handicapped and asked if they will be losing that exemption ('Exemption for Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities' per RSA 72:37-a) for the same reason and Ms. Brown answered she will have to look into it.

Staff Items:

None.

MOTION BY Robert Earley to adjourn at 8:40 AM.

SECONDED BY Daniel Hansberry.

MOTION PASSED

*Transcribed by:
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