

**Minutes of the Board of Assessors
Meeting of February 21, 2019**

A meeting of the Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 in Room 208, 2nd floor of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM by Chair Dominic D'Antoni.

Members Present:

Dominic D'Antoni

Daniel Hansberry

Robert Earley

Assessing Staff Present:

Jon Duhamel
Gary Turgiss

Louise Brown
Michael Mandile

Greg Turgiss
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 17, 2019 and accept and place them on file.

SECONDED BY Robert Earley

MOTION PASSED

Regarding a letter the board received from Mrs. Laurie Ortolano dated 1/29/2019, Mr. Hansberry made the following motion:

MOTION BY Daniel Hansberry to accept the communication from Mrs. Laurie Ortolano dated January 29, 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.

Appointments: None.

Staff Items:

Mr. Daniel Hansberry said he has concerns that when a property has fallen into disrepair and the property owner files for an abatement, the property's assessment is lowered thereby benefiting the owner by giving him or her a tax break for not keeping up the property. He said some of these taxpayers actually have the financial wherewithal to make the repairs but choose not to. Mr. Robert Earley said this is something that he has thought of too, especially after reviewing some of the recent abatements that have

come before the board. Mr. Hansberry asked Chief Assessor Jon Duhamel if he attends any regular meetings up in Concord at the State of NH level and Mr. Duhamel replied that he does. Mr. Hansberry asked if he can bring this up at one of those meetings, because he believes we need direction from the State on this or maybe get a sense of what other communities are doing. Mr. Duhamel replied affirmatively. Mr. Dominic D'Antoni noted that up until now only the current market value has been considered by this board but we can look into it.

Mr. Duhamel advised at the next meeting he will be having a discussion with the board regarding the recent communications they have received from Ms. Laurie Ortolano. He instructed the members to write notes on these letters with their questions or concerns and bring these to the next meeting so they can go over them.

MOTION BY Robert Earley to adjourn at 8:56 AM.

SECONDED BY Daniel Hansberry.

MOTION PASSED

*Transcribed by:
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Department Coordinator*