

City of East Providence Board of Assessment Review Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: City Hall, Conference Room 306, Third Floor

A scheduled meeting of the East Providence Board of Assessment Review was called to order @ 9:01 AM on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, by Maria L. Stoddard, Board Chairwoman. The purpose of the meeting was to hear 2018 Tax appeals.

Present: Maria L. Stoddard, Chairwoman
Ronald Warr, Secretary
Steven Hazard, Tax Assessor
Brenda Dutra, Recording Secretary

Each Taxpayer was sworn in by Ronald Warr, Secretary, prior to addressing the Board.

Decisions:

Residential:

1. Ana M. Simoes, 65 Wampanoag Trail, Riverside, RI is appealing the Hardship exemption. The board voted to grant a hardship reduction in taxes in the amount of \$1,565.58. The vote was unanimous.
2. Denise Cuthill, 85 Hospital Road, Riverside, RI is appealing the Hardship exemption. The board voted to continue with the Tax Assessor upon bringing in more proof of income before a decision is made.
3. Matthew Silva, 141 Bourne Avenue, Rumford, RI is appealing the denial of the Hardship exemption. In a conference call his mother, Edith Silva is representing him. The board voted to continue the case with the Tax Assessor as more proof of income is needed before a decision is made.

4. Christa Britto, 129 Martin Street, East Providence, RI is appealing the denial of the Hardship exemption. The Board voted to grant a hardship reduction in the amount of \$1,936.02. The vote was unanimous.
5. Jennifer Vieira & Edward Rodriguez, 25 Woodward Avenue, East Providence, RI is appealing the denial of the Homestead exemption. The Board voted to grant the homestead exemption for the 2018 tax year. The vote was unanimous.

Commercial:

1. Exxon Mobil Oil Corporation of 1001 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence, RI was represented by David Saliba, Esquire via conference call. The applicant is disputing the value of their property. The board denied the appeal application, vote was unanimous.
2. CGRI East Providence LLC of 0 Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence, RI being represented by Shannon Hibbert, Accounting Manager, is appealing the land value. The board voted to deny appeal. The vote was unanimous.
3. CGRI East Providence LLC of 2715 Pawtucket Avenue, being represented by Shannon Hibbert, Accounting Manager, is appealing the value of the building. Said the building is in disrepair and needs to be torn down. The board voted to reduce the assessment by \$120,600. The vote was unanimous.
4. Amalgamated Financial Group IV of 52 Narragansett Park Drive, Rumford, RI is being represented by Shannon Hibbert, Accounting Manager. The applicant states the property is mostly vacant and rundown and would like to see assessed value brought down. The Tax Assessor has lowered the value over the years. The board voted to reduce the assessment by \$40,000. The vote was unanimous.
5. K & N Associates 401 Wampanoag Trail and 501 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence, RI represented by Hamza Chaudary, Attorney. Applicant is appealing the assessed value. The board voted to deny. Vote was unanimous.
6. Sanford Holdings LLC 172-180 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI being represented by Hamza Chaudary, Attorney, is appealing the assessed value. The board voted to deny. Vote was unanimous.
7. Providence Country Day School of 660 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, RI being represented by Hamza Chaudary, attorney, is appealing the assessed value. The board voted to deny appeal. The vote was unanimous.
8. Providence Country Day School 0 Commercial Way, East Providence, RI is being represented by Hamza Chaudary, attorney, is appealing the assessed value of the land. The board voted to deny appeal. The vote was unanimous.

Motor Vehicle:

1. J Line Inc, 370 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence, RI represented by attorney Douglas J Emanuel. The applicant is appealing their trucks and trailers stating they are exclusively used for interstate commerce and should not be taxed. J Line Inc was unable to attend. Douglas J Emanuel, attorney, submitted a letter on behalf of J Line Inc. The board voted to deny the appeal. The vote was unanimous.

Tangible:

1. ATS Equipment of Rhode Island Inc of 51 Fall River Avenue, Rehoboth, MA is appealing a tangible assessment on their equipment that was located @ 77 Highland Ave, East Providence, RI for the tax year 2015 for the assessment as of December 31, 2014. They are appealing that most of their equipment was moved from that location prior to 12/31/14 but did not provide any proof. No representative showed up for the meeting. The board voted to deny appeal. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM. The motion was made by Maria L. Stoddard and 2nd by Ronald Warr.

Minutes submitted by:

Brenda Dutra