

City of East Providence Board of Assessment Review Meeting Minutes

Date: *Thursday, February 20, 2020*
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: City Hall, Conference Room A, First Floor

A scheduled meeting of the East Providence Board of Assessment Review was called to order @ 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 20, 2020 by Maria L. Stoddard, Vice Chairwoman. The purpose of the meeting was to hear 2019 Tax appeals.

Present: Maria L. Stoddard, Vice Chairwoman
Ronald Warr, Chairman
Darlene Andrade, Secretary
John Pacheco
Sarah Frew, Tax Assessor
Brenda Dutra, Recording Secretary

At this time, the board chose to reorganize. Darlene Andrade made a motion and Maria Stoddard 2nd to vote Ronald Warr Chairman. Ronald Warr made a motion with Darlene Andrade 2nd to vote Maria Stoddard Vice Chairwoman. Maria Stoddard made a motion with John Pacheco 2nd to vote Darlene Andrade as Secretary. These votes were all unanimous.

Old Business:

1. Thomas and Felicia Martin, 20 Waterview Ave., East Providence, RI was continued from the January 9, 2020 meeting. The Tax Assessor reported her findings back to the board and the board voted to deny the appeal. The vote was unanimous.
2. Kenneth E & Claudette Goucher, 291 Brown St., East Providence, RI was continued from the January 9, 2020 meeting. The Tax Assessor reported her findings back to the board. The board agreed with the Tax Assessor and granted \$3000.00 off the assessed value of the property.
3. Waterfront Drive Partners LLC, 8 Dexter Rd., East Providence, RI was continued from the January 9, 2020 meeting. The Tax Assessor was waiting for more information from the attorney. The assessor has spoken with the attorney and it will be discussed @ the next board meeting.

New Business:

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

Decisions:

Residential:

1. Henry V Johnson, Jr, 75 Pershing St., East Providence, RI is appealing the senior exemption. Mr. Johnson had applied past the deadline and was denied for the 2019 tax bill. The board voted to approve the appeal. The vote was unanimous.
2. Geraldine T Higgins and Albert J Girard, Jr, formally of Walmer Ave., East Providence, RI is appealing 6 years of back taxes per state statue, for the merging of their father's property. The property was merged per zoning back in the 1980's. They didn't find out the property was merged until they went to sell the two properties separately. The Tax Assessor granted their appeal for the 2019 tax year. The board voted to deny because they are also only allowed to go back for one year's taxes. The vote was unanimous.

Commercial:

1. Providence & Worcester Railroad, 649 Waterfront Dr., East Providence, RI is appealing their tax assessment. This is an ongoing court case in Superior Court therefore, the board voted unanimously to deny the appeal.
2. Commercial Way LLC, 66 Commercial Way, East Providence, RI is appealing the assessed value of their property. They did not appear @ the meeting nor did they cancel. The board voted unanimously to deny the appeal.
3. Properties Three LLC, 37 Tripp's Lane, East Providence, RI is appealing the assessed value of their property. They did not appear @ the meeting nor did they cancel. Therefore, the board voted to deny the appeal. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM by Maria Stoddard and 2nd by John Pacheco.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Brenda Dutra