

Board of Assessment Appeals

16 March 2024

Minutes

Board members in attendance: Keith Landa, Jake Lindsey, Michael Oliva

Meeting called to order: 10:01am

Lindsey was elected chair of the board: Ayes, 3

Board members discussed issues concerning the hiring a new recording secretary for the board, the sporadic and limited hours (twice yearly) involved, the utility of having someone familiar with town procedures, and that the single application currently in the applicant pool provides no evidence of the needed experience. Board members deferred action on the position, and discussed the possibility of reaching out to the chairs of other town boards and commissions to see if there is an option to encourage their recording secretaries to apply for the position, given the limited number of hours that need to be covered.

The following appeals were heard by the board.

1. Jose Dias

14 Smoke Hill Drive
New Fairfield, CT. 06812

Board members discussed the request from applicant that the assessed value be \$109,600 (the value of the lot) until a certificate of occupancy is issued for the dwelling, at which time the full assessed value of \$436,300 would be in force. Decision on the property is pending, to allow Chair Lindsey to consult with the Assessor on statutory and logistical issues arising from the unfinished and non-occupancy status of the dwelling.

2. Winston Wohr

18 Lakeshore Dr
New Fairfield, CT 06812

Represented by Christina DeFeo

Board members denied the appealed value of \$295,000, leaving the property at the full assessed value of \$474,000.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23am

Minutes submitted by K. Landa, 18 March 2024

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