

Town of Ellington

Board of Assessment Appeals Minutes & Actions

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 Meeting, Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, CT

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Members and alternates present: Suren Thirumappan, Aston Blake, Joseph Malone (alternate).

Members and alternates absent: Norman Perkins (alternate).

Also Present: John Rainaldi, Assessor

The meeting came to order at 6:05 PM

Assessor John Rainaldi thanked everyone for coming and welcomed members Suren Thirumappan and Aston Blake to their first meeting as new members of the Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA). It was noted that Both Mr. Thirumappan and Mr. Blake have been sworn in by Town Clerk Donna Hosey.

John Rainaldi provided an overview of the BAA process to the new members, including the oath that must be administered to swear in appellants before the BAA (attorneys do not need to be sworn in), the 2024 Ellington BAA calendar, the hearing process, the deliberation process, the notice requirements for the hearings, the process for sending hearing notices to the appellants, and the process for sending decision notices to the appellants.

Several housekeeping items were also discussed, including the amount of time per hearing, which is typically fifteen minutes, and using a timer during the hearings. Possibly recording the hearings in future years was discussed as well.

The process for managing the BAA minutes was also discussed as the minutes must be filed timely per Connecticut General Statute. The decisions of any votes taken at the meetings must be available within forty-eight hours of the meeting, and the minutes must be filed with the Town Clerk within seven days of the meeting. John Rainaldi provided a blank template for the minutes, and indicated he would work with the BAA to ensure the minutes are filed correctly and timely.

Due to a vacancy in the third BAA member position, Aston Blake made a motion to appoint Joseph Malone to function as a member of the BAA for this meeting and the March 2024 meetings of the BAA. Suren Thirumappan seconded the motion. Norman Perkins will serve as the remaining alternate and will act in place of any absent BAA member, or in cases of a recusal by any BAA member. The motion passed 2-0.

Suren Thirumappan made a motion to appoint Joseph Malone as the Acting Chair of the Board of Assessment Appeals for this meeting and through the March 2024 hearing sessions, pending appointment of a new BAA member. Aston Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

John Rainaldi then provided an overview of the appeals filed for the March 2024 hearing sessions, and the BAA scheduled the hearings as follows:

Monday, March 11, 2024:

- 6:15 PM: Joseph/Barbara Garms
- 6:30 PM: Audrey/Robert Monti
- 6:45 PM: Kenneth Dalla Corte
- 7:00 PM: Heather Nollez
- 7:15 PM: 267 Jobs Hill Road LLC

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Wednesday, March 13, 2024:

6:15 PM: Subhasis/Ananya Ganguly

6:30 PM: Ellington Property Management LLC

6:45 PM: AT&T Mobility

7:00 PM: Cathy W Pinard Living Trust

7:15 PM: William/ Maureen Keohane

John Rainaldi indicated that the hearing notices will be sent within the next few days as they must be sent prior to the end of February and the appellants must be given at least seven days advance notice for their hearings.

Joseph Malone made a motion to adjourn. Aston Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Aston Blake, Board of Assessment Appeals Secretary