



Cumberland County

Board of Assessment Review

Meeting Minutes - Draft

142 Federal St
Portland, ME 04101

Meeting Location: Peter Feeney Conference Room

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5:00 PM

Peter Feeney Room
County Courthouse
205 Newbury St
Portland, ME 04101

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Assessment Review met at the Cumberland County Courthouse in the Peter Feeney Conference Room, the meeting was called to Order by Chair Edward Getty at 5:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Board Member Alex Coupe, Board Member David Silk, Board Member Edward Getty and Board Member Geoffrey Crain
Excused: 1 - Board Member Peter Coyne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[BAR 25-012](#) Approval of the minutes, May 14, 2025 meeting of the Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by Board Member Silk, seconded by Board Member Getty, that the BAR Agenda Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Board Member Coupe, Board Member Silk, Board Member Getty and Board Member Crain

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Board Member Coyne

NEW BUSINESS

[BAR 25-013](#) NO VOTE - Supporting Documentation Only for Appellant and Town Assessor for 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Appeal for 22 Zakelo Island Rd and 27 Zakelo Island Rd in Harrison, Maine.

This BAR Agenda Item was RECEIVED AND FILED.

[BAR 25-014](#) Appeal for a 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Request for 22 Zakelo Island Rd, Harrison, ME, MAP/Lot 21-0106-07 by Paul and Toni Good.

Appellants Paul and Toni Goode were present and demonstrated why the Town of Harrison's assessment of their property was substantially overvalued. Representing the Town of Harrison was Assessing Agent Jessica Westhaver, of Parker Appraisals, the contracted assessing agent for the Town. She presented testimony of the Town's position. The BAR heard both oral arguments and made their final determination.

A motion was made by Board Member Coupe, seconded by Board Member Silk, that the BAR Agenda Item be DENIED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Board Member Coupe, Board Member Silk, Board Member Getty and Board Member Crain

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Board Member Coyne

[BAR 25-015](#) Appeal for a 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Request for 27 Zakelo Island Rd, Harrison, ME, MAP/Lot 21-0106-09 by Michael and Patricia McDonough.

Appellant Michael McDonough was present and demonstrated why the Town of Harrison's assessment of his property was substantially overvalued. Representing the Town of Harrison was Assessing Agent Jessica Westhaver, of Parker Appraisals, the contracted assessing agent for the Town. She presented testimony of the Town's position. The BAR heard both oral arguments and made their final determination.

A motion was made by Board Member Coupe, seconded by Board Member Crain, that the BAR Agenda Item be DENIED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Board Member Coupe, Board Member Silk, Board Member Getty and Board Member Crain

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Board Member Coyne

NEXT MEETING: To Be Determined

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

A full transcript of the meeting may be viewed at www.cumberlandcountyme.gov/live