



Cumberland County

Board of Assessment Review

Meeting Minutes - Draft

27 Northport Dr
Portland, ME 04103

Meeting Location: 27 Northport Drive, Portland ME 04103

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

5:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[BAR 25-016](#) Approval of the minutes, May 21, 2025 meeting of the Board of Assessment Review.

A motion was made by Board Member Coyne, seconded by Board Member Crain, that this BAR Agenda Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

[BAR 25-017](#) Appeal for a 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Request for 46 Island Pond Rd, Harrison, ME, MAP/Lot 59-17 by Connie Allen.

Appellant Connie Allen was present and demonstrated why the Town of Harrison's assessment of her property was substantially overvalued. Representing the Town of Harrison, Assessing Agent Jessica Westhaver, of Parker Appraisals, the contracted assessing agent for the Town. Assessing Agent Westhaver presented testimony of the Town's position. The BAR heard both oral arguments.

On the issue of flooding, Chair Getty asked how the flooding of a property would be considered as a factor. He stated that without that knowledge, the Assessor's agent cannot adjust for the property. Assessing Agent Westhaver explained that there could be an adjustment depending on the impact that the flooding has on the property; how are other properties with a similar impact treated in Harrison Town?

Board Member Coyne asked if Appellant Connie Allen would be opposed to table deliberations until a later time. Chair Getty added that he lacks knowledge of the topography of the Appellant's property. He agreed with Board Member Coyne that deliberations should cease until more information is provided by the Assessor.

Board Member Coyne confirmed with Assessing Agent Westhaver that she would offer clarity on the flooding of the land; she confirmed that she could add

another potential factor. She stated that she would look at the Town's files, what impact the flooding has on the property and on the building. Board Member Coyne reiterated that flooding on land affects the land.

Chair Getty confirmed with Appellant Connie Allen to table the discussion to review additional factors that would affect the valuation.

Board Member Coyne made a formal motion that the application from Corrine "Connie" Allen for 46 Island Pond Road Harrison property tax map 59 lot 17 be tabled to allow the town of Harrison's assessor's agent time to review the file to determine additional factors that would affect valuation for a period not to extend 30 days from today's date.

A motion was made by Board Member Coyne, seconded by Board Member Coupe, that this BAR Agenda Item be TABLED to the Board of Assessment Review, due back by 8/20/2025. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING: To Be Determined

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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