



Cumberland County

Board of Assessment Review

Meeting Minutes - Draft

142 Federal St, Portland
ME 04101

Meeting Location: Feeney Conference Room

Wednesday, May 14, 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 Ed Getty at 5:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Board Member Alex Coupe, Board Member David Silk, Board Member Edward Getty, Board Member Geoffrey Crain and Board Member Peter Coyne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[BAR 25-008](#) Approval of the minutes, April 23, 2025, meeting of the Board of Assessment

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Board Member Silk

NEW BUSINESS

[BAR 25-009](#) Appeal for a 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Request for 0 Zakelo Island Rd, Harrison, ME MAP/Lot 21-0106-1 by Lawrence and Carol Curtis.

Appellant Lawrence Curtis 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:** 1 - Board Member Coyne

[BAR 25-010](#) Appeal for a 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Request for 4 Zakelo Island Rd, Harrison, ME, MAP/Lot 21-0106-03 by Trustees James and Donna Viens.

Appellant James Viens was present and demonstrated why the Town of Harrison's assessment of his building value was underestimated and the land overvalued.

Representing the Town of Harrison was Assessing Agent Jessica Westhaver. 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:** 1 - Board Member Coyne

[BAR 25-011](#) Appeal for a 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Request for 15 Zakelo Island Rd, Harrison, ME, MAP/Lot 21-0106-06 by Trustee Timothy Jamieson.

Ian Winter represented appellant Jamieson Family Trust, and demonstrated why the Town of Harrison's assessment of the property was substantially overvalued.

Representing the Town of Harrison was Assessing Agent Jessica Westhaver. 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:** 1 - Board Member Coyne

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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