



Cumberland County

Board of Assessment Review

Meeting Minutes - Final

142 Federal St, Portland
ME 04101

Meeting Location: Feeney Conference Room

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

5:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

The County 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 5:23 pm.

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 25-004](#) Approval of the minutes, February 25, 2025, meeting of the Board of Assessment Review

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

NEW BUSINESS

[BAR 25-005](#) Appeal for 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Request for 475 Cape Monday Rd, Harrison, ME, MAP/Lot 0013/0055 by Lawrence Makovich is the result of unjust discrimination and reduced to \$1,181,206 from \$1,365,800.

Appellants Lawrence and Aileen Makovich were present and demonstrated why the Town of Harrison's assessment of their property was unjust discrimination. They expressed the position that using a 125% factor applied to their land is arbitrary and not explained.

The Harrison Town Assessor John Wentworth represented the Town of Harrison and presented testimony of his position.

The BAR heard both oral arguments and made their final determination.

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

Yes: 3 - Board Member Coupe, Board Member Crain and Board Member Coyne

No: 1 - Board Member Getty

Excused: 1 - Board Member Silk

[BAR 25-006](#) Appeal for an additional 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Request for 162 Ring Landing Rd, Casco, ME MAP/Lot 0019/0055/1 by Thomas and Charleen O'Brien, Brenda Sieben, and Karen Perkins. (Appeal Withdrawn)

This BAR Agenda Item was WITHDRAWN.

[BAR 25-007](#) Appeal for an additional 2024 - 25 Tax Abatement Request for 168 Ring Landing Rd, Casco, ME MAP/Lot 0019/0055/2 by David Smith and Rodney Smith. (Appeal Withdrawn)

This BAR Agenda Item was WITHDRAWN.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 5:00PM

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

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