

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
ROOM 385, CITY HALL (20 WEST PARK ST)
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
12:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Hutchins (Chair), Barry Seaver, Falguni Mehta

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frank Mastro

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Vincent (Chief Assessor)

GUESTS: None

1 **I. Call to Order** – Jay Hutchins (Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

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3 **II. Acceptance of Minutes**

4 *Motion* by Barry Seaver to approve the January 2, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Falguni Mehta. **Motion*
5 *approved (3-0).*

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7 **III. New Business**

8 a. Abatement Applications

9 i. Eugene Boisvert, Map/Lot 62/2

10 The property owner is seeking a tax abatement of 2019 taxes. An inspection of
11 the property by the Chief Assessor revealed physical and functional deficiencies.
12 The Chief Assessor’s recommendation is to reduce the 2019 assessed value from
13 \$331,200 to \$197,500.

14 *Motion* by Barry Seaver to reduce the 2019 assessed value to \$197,500. Seconded by Falguni Mehta. **Motion*
15 *approved (3-0).*

16 ii. Catherine Patch, Map/Lot 73/43

17 The property owner is seeking an abatement of 2019 taxes. The property was
18 assessed at \$291,700. The property was recently purchased for \$310,000. An
19 inspection of the property by the Chief Assessor revealed some physical
20 deficiencies. The Chief Assessor’s recommendation is to reduce the 2019
21 assessed value from \$291,700 to \$244,400. The \$244,400 assessed value is closer
22 to the City’s common level of assessment of approximately 80% - 85%.

23 *Motion* by Barry Seaver to reduce the 2019 assessed value to \$244,400. Seconded by Falguni Mehta. **Motion*
24 *approved (3-0).*

25 iii. Administrative Abatements

26 Eric & Susan Cole and Cole Partners, Map/Lots 165/2, 192/1, 194/4

27 This is an abatement of a timber tax issued on June 25, 2019. Subsequent to the
28 bill, the property owner provided info proving that the timber value was less than
29 estimated. A supplemental warrant is issued for the corrected tax amount.

30 *Motion* by Barry Seaver to abate the Cole timber tax of \$14,505. Seconded by Falguni Mehta. **Motion* *approved*
31 *(3-0).*

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33 Current Use Applications

34 i. Avery, Andrew & Liane, Map/Lot 188/2

35 ii. Casale, Patrick & Stephanie, Map/Lot 188/49

1 There was a boundary line adjustment between the two properties above. The
2 BLA provided sufficient acreage so that the Avery property now qualifies for
3 Current Use. The Casales are including the portion of land they received from the
4 Averys in their Current Use acreage.

5 **Motions** by Barry Seaver to approve both Current Use applications. Seconded by Falguni Mehta. ***Motion**
6 **approved** (3-0).

7 b. Settlement Agreement

8 i. SegTel, Inc, Map/Lot 999/5

9 The Chief Assessor recommends approval of the settlement agreement for the
10 2018 tax year. This is a continuation of a dispute over taxes related to usage of
11 the City's Rights-of-Way.

12 **Motions** by Barry Seaver to approve the settlement agreement.. Seconded by Falguni Mehta. ***Motion** approved
13 (3-0).

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16 **IV. ADJOURNMENT-**

17 **MOTION** by Barry Seaver to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 PM. Second by Falguni Mehta.. * **Motion** approved
18 (3-0).

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20 **The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM.**

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22 Respectfully submitted
23 Richard Vincent
24 Chief Assessor