

**CURRENT USE GRIEVANCE HEARINGS**  
**Board of Listers - Town of Canaan, VT**  
**6/16/2022**

**Listers Present:** Dana Masson, G. Thomas Trammell Jr., and Richard Dennis

**In Attendance:** (*Physical Attendance*) - Diana Rancourt, (*Phone Attendance*) – Douglas Larson, Nancee Harrigan, and Paul Marchand

**Purpose:** Allow taxpayers to grieve the current use of properties within the jurisdiction.

**Secondary Purpose:** Appoint a chairperson for the board of listers.

5:00 P.M. – G. Thomas Trammell Jr. motions to open the hearings, Dana Masson seconds; motion passes and hearings are opened.

- Board opens with seeking nominations for the chairperson, G. Thomas Trammell Jr. nominates Dana Masson. After the vote, Dana Masson is appointed chairperson.
- 1. <5:02 P.M.> **Grievance Hearing (David Begin: Parcel ID# U05022)** – Parcel grievance was over a rental usage discrepancy. This was due to a mistake on the property owner and the issue on that end has been resolved. The issue will be remediated on the NEMRC system and a Change of Appraisal notice will be mailed.
- 2. <5:05 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.> **Grievance (Douglas Larson: Parcel ID# R22011B)** – Parcel grievance was remediated prior to hearing. Property owner was notified of the change via telephone at 6:00 P.M., and a Change of Appraisal will be issued. Owner was notified via telephone during the meeting on both this and the sub-issue.
  - a. Additionally, an issue with the year of construction on two cottages was clarified. Due to the current stage of the property tax process, changes to year of construction cannot be made until after the tax bills have been mailed (August).
- 3. <5:10 P.M.> **Grievance (Robert Baum: Parcel ID# R09001)** – Parcel grievance was remediated prior to hearing. Attempts were made to notify the property owner via telephone, but the number was listed as disconnected and no additional number was available. A Change of Appraisal notice will be mailed.
- 4. <5:20 P.M.> **Grievance (Nancee Harrigan: Parcel ID# R08006)** – Parcel grievance was over a current use issue that had not been remediated; the issue has since been remediated between the scheduling of the hearing and the hearing itself. Property owner was notified via telephone and a Change of Appraisal will be mailed.
- 5. <5:25 P.M.> **Grievance (Paul Marchand: Parcel ID# R11015017)** – Parcel grievance was that the new values were not represented in the current use. The issue was remediated prior to the hearing and a Change of Appraisal will be mailed. The property owner was notified via telephone.
- 6. <5:30 P.M.> **Grievance (Daniel Wade: Parcel ID# R03014)** – Parcel grievance was remediated prior to hearing; a Change of Appraisal will be mailed. Property owner was notified by Dana Masson due to a prior scheduled meeting with the owner.

7. <5:35 P.M.> **Grievance (Christian Taggart: Parcel ID# R20002D)** – Parcel grievance is that property owner has filed a 50% business use of the property while reportedly having a high occupancy. Additionally, 50% business use of a home is uncommon and after advice from the state agency, seeks to verify usage and ensure accuracy. A letter has been mailed asking for more information to ensure no mistakes have been made and the information is correct. The letter will be sent via certified mail and the property owner has been given 14 days to respond.

After scheduled grievance hearings, Listers maintained a presence until the scheduled 6:30 P.M. closing time.

6:30 P.M. – G. Thomas Trammell Jr. motions to close the hearings and Richard Dennis seconds; motion passes and hearings are closed.