

TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2022
4:00pm Town Hall
Room 141, Assessor's Office

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 by Julie Fitts Ritter.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Julie Fitts Ritter, Angela Ryan, Matthew Long and Shawna Baron.

Absent: NONE

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominate a Chairperson.

A **motion** was made by Dr. Ryan, **seconded** by Mr. Long, to appoint Julie Fitts Ritter as Chairperson. All in favor; *motion passed*.

2. Appoint a Clerk.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Long, **seconded** by Dr. Ryan, to appoint Lisa Ruggiero as Clerk. All in favor; *motion passed*.

3. Approve 2021 Grand List appeal forms.

The Board reviewed the 2021 appeal form.

A **motion** was made by Chairperson Fitts Ritter, **seconded** by Mr. Long, to approve the 2021 Appeal Forms. All in favor; *motion passed*.

4. Discussion and action on commercial appeals over \$1 million.

The Board discussed their thoughts on the past decisions.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Long, **seconded** by Chairperson Fitts Ritter, to NOT hear commercial appeals over \$1 million. All in favor; *motion passed*.

5. Discussion and action on Motor Vehicle appeals being honored for 2 years.

The Board discussed their thoughts on the past policies.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Long, **seconded** by Dr. Ryan, to honor this Board's motor vehicle decisions for 2 years. All in favor; *motion passed*.

6. Discuss the need for alternates.

The Board determined that they all were committed to attending the hearings and didn't believe that alternates were needed at this time.

7. Discuss and possibly set dates or March and September appeals.

The Board discussed the available week days and times to hold meetings and would determine dates based on petitions received.

No action.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

E. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Baron discussed the Grand List and gave an overview of current and past court cases, quadrennial applications, abatements and the large increase in 2021 car values.

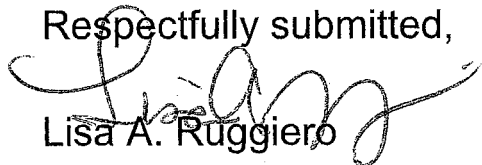
Dr. Ryan suggested that the public be made aware that the NADA books would be available for review, possibly adding it to the BAA page on the Town's website or the Town's homepage. There was discussion that the Mayor may be able to add it to his public communications; they would discuss with him.

Chairperson Fitts Ritter reminded the Board that the hearings need to be run professionally because the hearings and the process is not personal and suggested that decisions be made at the end.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 was made by Chairperson Fitts Ritter; **seconded** by Dr. Ryan. All in favor; *motion passed*.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Ruggiero

Board of Assessment Clerk