

Town of Barnet  
2024 Grievance Hearing Minutes  
Town Office  
Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Listers present: John Fairchild, Nancy Bishop, Celina Wright

The meeting was called to order at 9am.

- 1.) M. Lessard - Ms. Lessard reviewed the Lister Cards (2024 & 2024) we gave her last week and states she now understands the changes. She is no longer grieving. End time 9:03am.
- 2.) J. Rivers hearing started at 9:28am. Mr. Rivers states he is grieving the amount his assessment has increased based on the description on his change of appraisal letter. We reviewed the changes on his Lister Card with him. He stated his floors are unfinished (concrete), the inside walls are incomplete; and the pipes are bare, the barn has wood siding, dirt floor and sliding doors. The Listers requested a site visit to confirm his areas of concern, however Mr. Rivers refused. He stated the following to be true: the house contains a full bath, the square footage of the house is 825, the sq ft of barn is 20 X 46, and confirmed the septic system is conventional. The hearing ended at 10:02am.
- 3.) D. Cote hearing started at 10:03am. Ms. Cote phoned to question the 2 acres they are W/D from current use. She is wondering if it makes a difference in the value if it's considered developed land vs. undeveloped. They plan to develop it, but it isn't now. The Listers agreed to investigate the matter. The hearing ended at 10:12am.
- 4.) W. Eastman hearing started at 10:15am. Mr. Eastman is grieving the cost of 2 sheds added to appraisal. He pointed out that the smaller older shed has been on the property for many years and is on skids which makes it moveable. After discussion, he agreed the assessment of the larger outbuilding is reasonable. The Listers agreed to research the topic of sheds as personnel property. The property owner states this parcel is off grid. We reviewed the Inspection Schedule we used to determine the increase in % complete (moved from 50% to 60%). The hearing ended at 10:32am.
- 5.) C. Berube hearing began at 11:02am. Mr. Berube questioned if his deck was on last years taxes. The listers replied that it was not. Mr. Berube stated he was okay with it. The hearing ended at 11:07.
- 6.) M. Lawton hearing began at 3:30pm. Mr. Lawton stated he was not grieving for this year's assessments but rather trying to figure out how his taxes have jumped so much since he has owned his property. His Current Use adjustment took a large decrease, and he is unable to determine the cause. The Listers reviewed with him the CU adjustments we have on file since he purchased the property in 2020 and were able to determine which year the decrease occurred. Mr. Lawton will follow up with Current Use. The hearing ended at 4:30pm.
- 7.) J & J King hearing began at 4:30pm. Mr. and Mrs. King are grieving the increase in value of their land. They stated that due to wetlands and the Shoreline Protection Act they are very limited in what they can do with the property. They do not believe their land should be valued the same as

other parcels who built before the restrictions began. The Listers agreed to check into the wetlands issue they stated. The hearing ended at 4:42pm.  
Grievance Hearings are closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bishop  
Barnet Lister